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YEN HSI SHAN AND THE NORTHERN COALITION.

THE SETTLEMENT WITH TANG SENG CHI AND KUOMINCHUN.

MANCHURIA HOSTILE TO NANKING.

NORTHERN HOPES OF SHANSI LEADER.

PEKING, Jan. 4.—Whatever may be the explanations of events which are made by Nanking's official statements and by the Government-controlled news agencies, it has been evident here in the North for several months that General Yen Hsi Shan, and a powerful Northern coalition are becoming more and more independent, are determined to force a reorganization of the Nanking Government, or, failing that, will not hesitate to force a large-scale civil war in the effort to gain their ends.

To-day (writes the correspondent of the North China Daily News) General Yen Hsi Shan is absolute master of Shansi, Hopei (Chihli), Chahar and Suiyuan and of the northern portion of Honan province. Shantung, nominally loyal to Nanking under the military governorship of General Chen Tiao Yuan, is ready to enter the Shansi-controlled zone at a beckoning gesture. General Chen has already offered his allegiance to Yen Hsi Shan, under certain conditions, and General Liu Chien Nien, who has 20,000 troops and holds the Chofoo area, is unreservedly with the "Model Governor's" Shansi clique.

Manchuria's Sympathy.

Even more significant than these allegiances is the fact that Manchuria is now alienated from Nanking. The Nanking Government, of course, never succeeded in making Manchuria's allegiance more than a name and the flying of the white and blue flag, but since the humiliation which Mukden suffered at the hands of Moscow Marshal Chang Hsueh Liang has openly announced that whatever Yen decides he will abide by. In fact, the Young Marshal has gone even further than this, and has sent several train loads of war supplies southward to Tientsin for Yen's use—train loads of flour and knifing, rifles and revolvers from the Mukden Arsenal, and even 30 pieces of field artillery accompanied by an adequate supply of shells.

Long before General Yen Hsi Shan emerged last month from his own mountain-girdled province and proceeded to Chengchow, ostensibly to "suppress" the Tang Seng Chi

rebellion, it became apparent that his break with the present Nanking regime was final, so far as sentiment was concerned, and that it must soon become open and declared in an administrative sense.

The Compromise of Last June.

There has been no love lost between Generals Yen and Chiang since late last June, when Chiang Kai Shek came to Peking. At that time there were stormy scenes between the two, but Yen really wanted peace and has always hoped for unification of the country, so he yielded much and even persuaded General Feng Yu Hsiang to listen to Nanking's terms. More than that, Yen literally underwrote the promises which Chiang Kai Shek made to Feng, and never since then is said to have regretted so doing.

At those June conferences in Peking, it will be recalled, a compromise was reached which for a time averted civil war between the Kuominchun and Nanking. Chiang Kai Shek made pledges of payment of the Kuominchun troops, of supplying them with food, of proceeding in good faith with factional (or regional) disarmament. Feng looked askance at these promises, and then in order to keep the peace General Yen promised Feng that if Nanking did not send money for provisions, he, Yen, would make good Nanking's promises.

Nanking sent no money, it is alleged, sent no food, did not begin disarmament. Instead, according to spokesmen of the Northern factions, emissaries of the Nationalists approached individual Kuominchun commanders trying to buy their allegiances. Much money changed hands, but in most cases the Kuominchun generals received their prices with tongues in cheeks—and then used the money to arm for the rebellion which began in October. Some people say that the Kuominchun generals, prompted by secret advice from General Feng, made the overtures—but whatever may be the true version of how the bargaining began, it is a grim practical joke that Nanking money literally financed, in major part, the fighting which occurred against Nanking in Honan and Hupeh in October and November.

Great Prizes at Stake.

Yen, meanwhile, had been playing a perilous hand. Feng was a guest in Shansi, and Yen felt that when Nanking broke its promises he had to fulfil his guarantee of those promises. This he did, furnishing money, food and even munitions during September, October and November. Meanwhile, whenever occasion arose, he got back whatever he could of these outlays, bargaining shrewdly with Nanking from time to time over the price of continued "neutrality"—a neutrality which consisted merely of military immobility. He was quite justified in this course, his spokesmen here declare, for, they say, Nanking had broken its word and forced Yen to pay its obligations to Feng.

But great prizes were at stake. By permitting and even helping the Kuominchun to fight Nanking in October and November, Yen contrived not only to weaken Nanking in a military and financial sense, but also weakened the Kuominchun armies. Yen's own armies do not exceed 150,000 men, and it is known that Chang Hsueh Liang looked askance at the strength of the Kuominchun, and would not join Yen openly, until the Kuominchun had been weakened by war and partially reorganized under Yen's control.

Yen's seemingly obscure motives in accepting the seal of Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Nanking forces, even while he was assisting the Kuominchun, are explained by his spokesman in this way:

They say that Yen had decided that General Chiang Kai Shek must certainly be driven out of the country—by political maneuvering if possible; if not, by military force. But Yen did not want to fight, and he did not want to head an open revolution. Neither did he want China to suffer in foreign eyes by an open overthrow of the Government. Therefore he accepted the Vice-Commander's seal, so that in the event of Chiang's resignation he, Yen, could assume control, and so preserve foreign recognitions of the Nanking regime by giving an outward semblance of continuity of government.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(January 16.)

St. Stephen's Girls' College, Speech Day, 3 p.m.
H.K. Football Referees Association, Emergency Meeting, French Bank Building, 5.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, debate "Has the Labour Party justified its return to power?" 9 p.m.
Italian Opera Co. "La Boheme," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre "The Pagan," World Theatre "Revenge."

Star Theatre "The Heart of a Nation" (matinees only).
Majestic Theatre "Speedy."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Friday.

(January 17.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Auction of Valuable Curios, Lammer Bros., 2.30 p.m.
Polo Tournament, K.O.S.B. v. Odd Lots, Civilians v. Headquarters.

U.S.R.C. Annual Tennis Tournament, 3rd round.
H.K. Automobile Association, Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Italian Opera Co. "Rigoletto," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre "The Pagan," World Theatre "Fazio."
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Saturday.

(January 18.)

U.S.R.C. Annual Tennis Tournament.
Fanning Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Potts Bungalow, 3.45 p.m.
Entries Close for K.C.C. Tennis Tournament.

League Cricket:—Division I: I.R.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Royal Navy v. Craigengower, Civil Service C.C. v. The Army. Division II: H.K.C.C. v. R.E. and Signals, Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio, Craigengower v. Police.

Friendly Cricket:—Division I: University v. H.K.C.C. Football:—Senior Division: S. China v. Kowloon, Recreio v. G.O. S.B., Chinese v. St. Joseph's, Somerset v. Police, Club v. Navy. Junior Division: St. Joseph's v. Chinese, Chinese v. Kowloon, Chinese "A" v. S. China "A", Ewo v. University, Recreio v. K.O.S.B.

Italian Opera Co. "Madame Butterfly," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre "The Pagan," World Theatre "Fazio."
Star Theatre "The Heart of a Nation" (matinees only).
Majestic Theatre "Red Hair."
Victoria Recreation Club Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.
Old Tonbridgean Dinner, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
Honorable Company of Master Mariners dinner to Captain O. H. Farrar and officers of s.s. Haiching, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Khiva), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

(January 19.)

Second Sunday After Epiphany. U.S.R.C. Annual Tennis Tournament.
Cricket: University v. Volunteers.

Tea Dance: Repulse Bay Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Italian Opera Co. "Barbiere di Siviglia," Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre "The River," World Theatre "Brotherly Love" and "Sensible Nut" (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre "Shadows of the Night" (matinees only).

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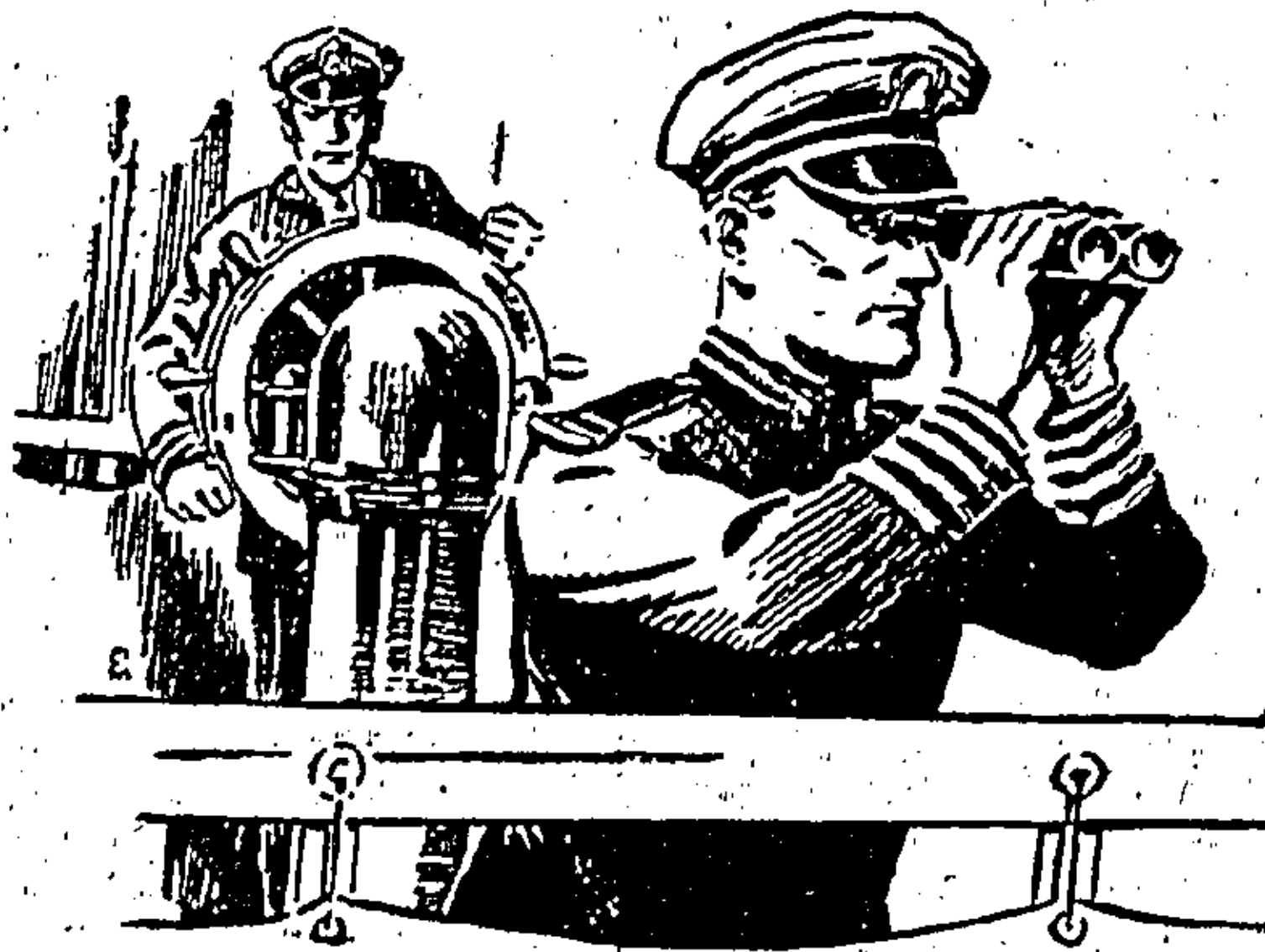
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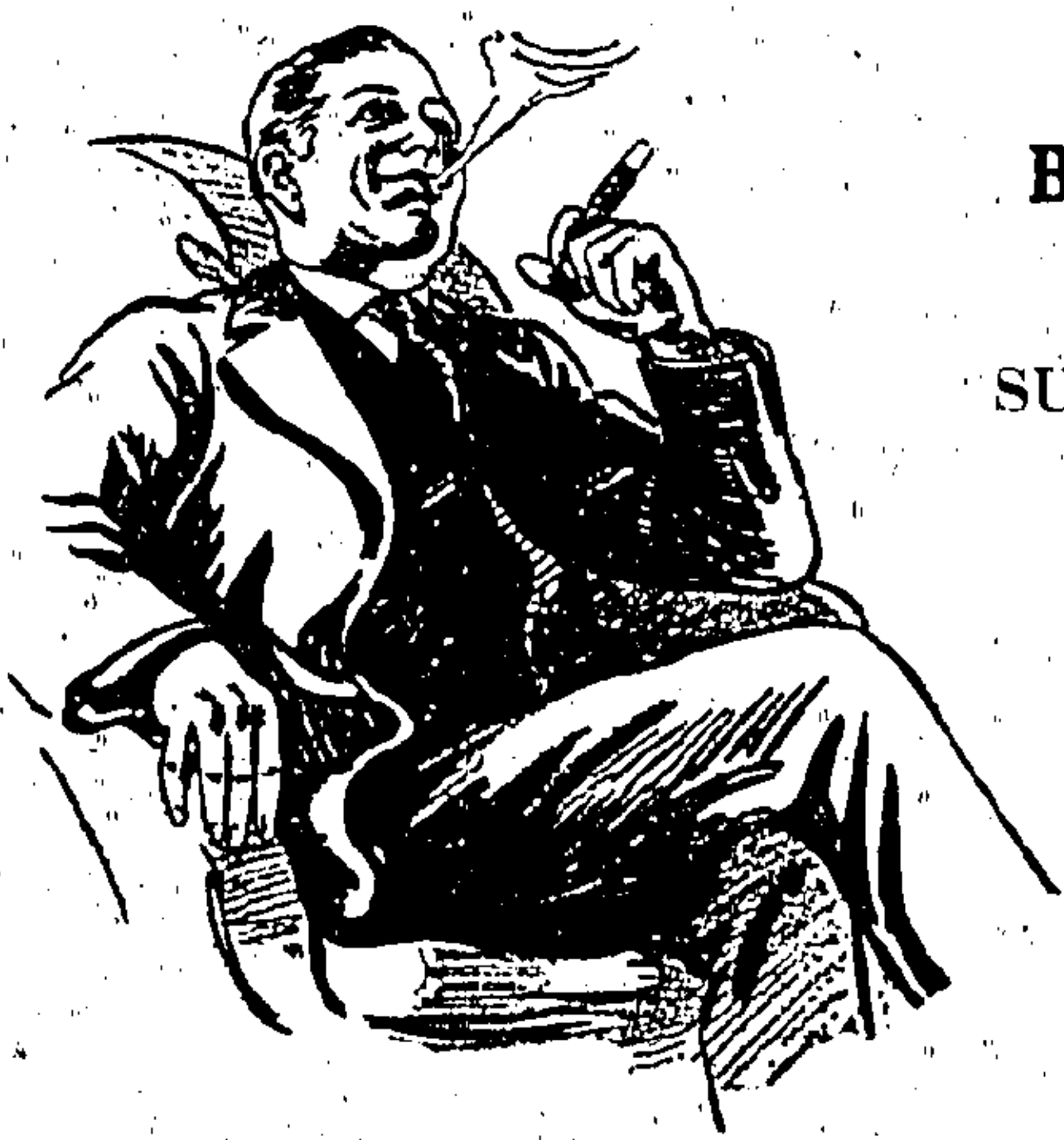
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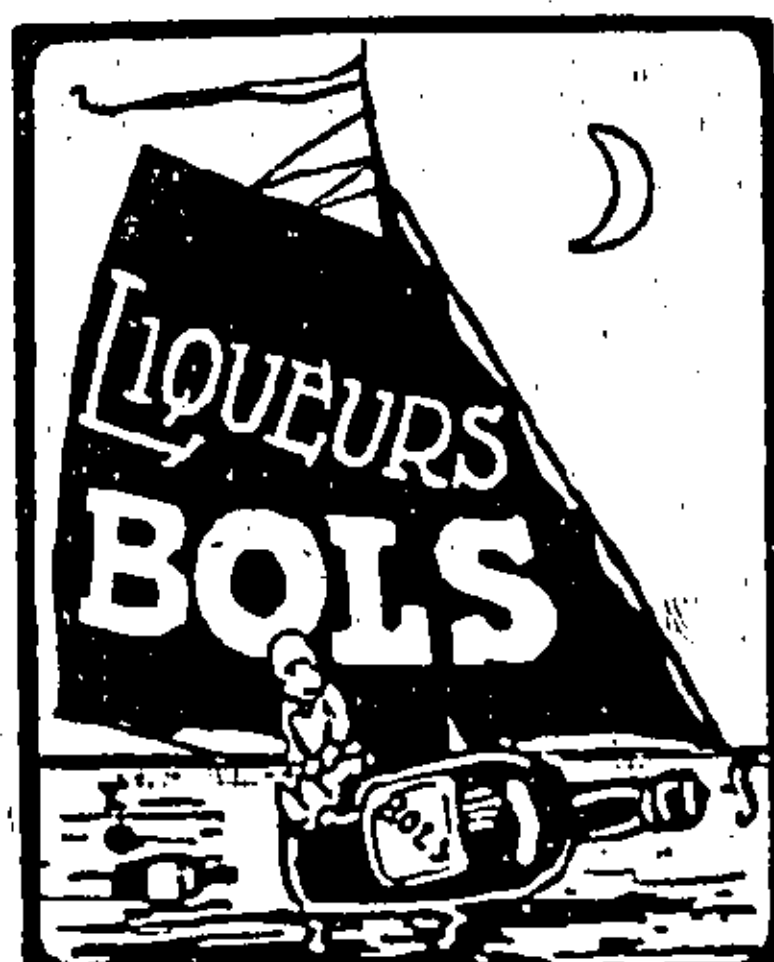
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THE LINCOLNSHIRE ENTRIES.

QUESTION OF CLASS. FRENCH CHALLENGERS' FORM.

Publication of the entries for the Lincolnshire Handicap and other important events which will be decided during the 1930 flat-racing campaign prompts the racing correspondent of a London paper to review the situation as follows:—

The Lincolnshire Handicap, entries are far in excess of those for the corresponding event last year, but I am afraid I cannot say class is well represented, for, with a few exceptions, they are nothing more than a collection of second-rate handicappers with a sprinkling of hurdlers thrown in.

In the circumstances, one instinctively casts an eye over the likely challengers from France, and is compelled to pause at the names of Palais Royal II. and Vatout. Mr. Wittouck's horse made a name for himself by finishing second to Fairway for the St. Leger in 1928 and winning the Cambridgehire that year, while it is recent history that the son of Bruleur went near to bringing off a notable dual triumph, for he was only beaten by a neck and a head by Double Life and Vatout at Headquarters last October.

It would seem Palais Royal II. is at home over all sorts of distances, for twenty-four hours later he took on Fairway for the Jockey Club Cup, a race which is run over two and a quarter miles. I shall not, for the time being, at any rate, seriously entertain Palais Royal II. in connection with the Lincolnshire Handicap, but it will be interesting to see just how the official responsible for compiling the weights-estimates Vatout. We may be sure he will not take liberties with the colt, for handicappers respect invaders these days. Even so, I should not like to suggest at this stage that Vatout is not capable of emulating the feats of Ob (a dual winner), Sir Gallahad III., and Tapin. Nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that Captain J. D. Cohn has also nominated Slipper and Charles Quint. Slipper ran in the Cambridgehire along with Vatout, and it I remember rightly he carried the first colours, yet the colt was never a fighting factor.

Yosemite's Chances.

Turning to some of the home-trained nominations, it was only to be expected last year's winner, Elton, would figure in the list. I gave it as my opinion after the race that Elton beat a lot of unfit horses in three days, and viewed in the light of subsequent happenings, had the race been run a month later, I doubt if he would have beaten Athford, to name only one of his Lincolnshire Handicap victims. Although he disappointed in the Cambridgehire, I have an idea Yosemite will become a public fancy as times goes on, for, to my mind, he is the ideal type for the colts and the distance. Then there is Mr. H. F. Clayton's genuine little performer Six Whe-

eler, but, like Yosemite, the Malton-trained horse is thoroughly exposed. Tom Walls, the actor-trainer, experienced a lot of bad luck with horses he turned out for the Liverpool sportsman, Mr. H. E. Steel, particularly Caballero and John Silver. The pair have been entered for the Carlisle race, and I recall John Silver only just missed a place last March. I had been given to understand that Mr. D. M. Gant intended to retire Kings Oven to the stud, but plans must have been altered, for his name appears in several races published in the current issue of the *Racing Calendar*. From what I have seen of Kings Oven, I cannot associate the son of Gay Crusader with a race like the Lincolnshire Handicap, for it is necessary to gallop at full stretch from beginning to end, and P. Lowe's charge usually warms to his work by a gradual process. Mr. S. B. Joel has won the race with Long Set, Soranus, and Dark Warrior, and it may be we shall have to pay particular attention to the chosen of Knight of the Grail and Porthole. There are others which can be dealt with later on.

Fairway's Future.

The Coronation Cup and the Ascot Gold Cup always bear a close resemblance but the race decided on the Royal Heath is usually regarded the *pièce de résistance*. Fairway and Athford have been nominated for both events, but it is possible they will miss Epsom and oppose each other a week later, when the Australian crack Strophon II. and Sir Cosmo can also join in. Fairway stands out as the best colt we have had for a long time, even though his record was tarnished as a result of going under to Royal Minstrel for the Eclipse Stakes. I shall make no excuses for that defeat, but I am certain of the opinion the son of Phalaris would have won the Derby in 1928 but for working himself up into a nervous state of excitement. Fairway became more accustomed to crowds as time wore on, and his Eclipse Stakes defeat, coupled with his regrettable Derby experience, were the only blot on a notable three-and-four-year-old career. Therefore, it is good to know Lord Derby has decided to keep his colt in training another year.

Wherever they meet, I should not like to venture the opinion Fairway will have matters all his own way with Athford, for while not in the limelight to the same extent as his brother Trigo, the son of Blandford has a record that will bear close scrutiny. It is on record that beat Athford for the Coronation Cup last June, but with honours thick upon him Mr. W. Barnett did not ask the Stewards to disturb the placings, although there were sufficient grounds. There will be an international flavour about the forthcoming race for the Coronation Cup, and not the least interesting among the challengers is the Italian filly Ortelio, who defeated Kantar and Palais Royal II., among others, for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, while she also beat the German champion Oleander. On the whole, therefore, we have the material to produce some interesting contests for both the Cup races I have reviewed.

PICALLILI PERSISTENTLY GOOD.

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NOTES ON YESTERDAY'S GALLOPS.

[By "MORNING DEW."]

With entries closing on Saturday several stables took the opportunity at yesterday morning's gallops to give their candidates a real try-out, and the times, consequently were much faster.

There is much speculation as to which stable possesses the best ponies. From the training form displayed to date, it is difficult to say, but readers who would like to take a long "shot" at the Derby may do well by following Picallili, from the Hynes and Mackie stable.

In selecting Picallili from such a big, classy, but untried field, I know I am going against the opinion of many "experts" who frequent the rails from day to day. But those who have followed the training times in the *Daily Press* regularly will notice that Picallili's gallops have always been convincing, and his performance yesterday was no exception. He has not been pushed at all so far, and as he moves freely he should be very prominent during the races. To-date, therefore, Picallili appears the best of the Derby griffins.

In the next few weeks perhaps, other animals will occupy Picallili's present place in the list of favourites, but even though Picallili may not win the Derby, he will be almost certainly one of the "big noises" at the meeting.

The "Jardine" stable tried out their candidates also, and the time of Four Clubs, which readers will find below, at once attracts attention. The "Jardine" string took second and third places in the Derby at the last annual meeting, and from this fact alone the progress of their candidates is worth watching.

The grass course was thrown open yesterday, and those ponies which preferred to exercise on the proper course instead of the sand track were all timed. These are put in a separate section in the figures given below.

Mr. Dunbar's Deception Bay went over a slow mile, but put up a fast last-quarter of 30.1.5 seconds. The Tiger went over the full Derby distance for the first time. He moved impressively, and although the first half-mile was slow, the last mile was very good and the last quarter-mile of 30.2.5 seconds is convincing.

King's Bounty was also prominent and the fans are still waiting to get an insight of this pony's real prowess. Gay Cabellero, of whom I have written before, was disappointing, and I am afraid he is not such a good outside chance after all. It seems that Gay Cabellero is getting rather too "gay" in his style, and what is more surprising, is being allowed to have his own way. He appeared "all out" at the end of yesterday's gallop, which readers will find below.

The subs are "still going strong," but Peashop is beginning to show the first signs of "stinking." The animal is developing the bad habit of refusing to gallop between the six and five-furlong posts, but no doubt he will be cured of this very soon, as undoubtedly Mr. Soares knows just exactly how to handle Peashop. Grenadier did a useful three-quarter mile, finishing strongly. This animal and Baby Face will take a lot of beating in their class. The latter did a mile in 2.21.4, finishing in 31.4 seconds. Both Shanghai Beau and Hong Kong Beau did fast miles, but Tango was held, being sent out to slow work.

Times clocked yesterday were as follows:—

Pony.	Dis- tance.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	5th Qr.	6th Qr.	Last Qr.
Sub-Griffins.								
Ah Suen	1	37	1.15	1.47	—	—	—	32
Arabian Sea	1	42	1.22	1.59	2.32.2	—	—	33.2
Payrhum	1	41	1.18	1.52.3	—	—	—	34.3
Berse Akka	1	49	1.18	1.53.3	2.32.1	—	—	36.3
Billiards	1	40	1.17.3	1.52.2	2.35.2	—	—	33
Blotto	1	37.2	1.13	1.47.3	—	—	—	34.3
Chinook	1	47	1.34	2.05	—	—	—	41
Duke Agnin	1	38	1.14	1.49	—	—	—	35
Duke of Chita	1	50	1.33.2	2.15.4	2.53.4	—	—	38
Gay Torador	1	37	1.11	1.47.2	—	—	—	33.2
General Motor	1	42	1.23.2	2.15.4	2.53.4	—	—	38
Grenadier	1	38.1	1.12.3	1.44.1	—	—	—	31.3
Greyback	1	35	1.14	1.49.3	—	—	—	35.3
Happy Day	1	41.2	1.10	1.54	2.27.2	—	—	33.2
Hong Kong Beau	1	45	1.26	1.55	2.20.4	—	—	35.4
Iron Blood	1	42	1.19.3	1.53.3	2.30.4	—	—	35.1
Loch Fyne	1	41	1.18	1.52.3	—	—	—	34.3
Magic Caduceus	1	50	1.37	2.15	2.50.2	—	—	35.2
Martini Cocktail	1	40	1.19	1.53.4	—	—	—	34.4
Pagoda	1	37	1.14	1.48.3	—	—	—	34.3
Peashop	1	38	1.20.3	1.55.3	2.37	—	—	31.2
Peter Guernsey	1	39.1	1.16	1.51.4	2.24	—	—	32.1
Shanghai Beau	1	39	1.13.1	1.48.4	2.20.3	—	—	33.4
Siamese Shop	1	37.4	1.15	1.55	2.30.2	—	—	35.2
Snaffell	1	42	1.22	1.59	2.32.2	—	—	35.2
Sonny Boy	1	36.2	1.09.2	1.45	2.10	—	—	34
Strathroy	1	44	1.24	1.58.1	—	—	—	34.1
Tango	1	43	1.22.3	2.03	2.33.4	—	—	32.4
Tightrope	1	37.2	1.11.2	1.47.2	—	—	—	34.3
Tombola	1	49	1.31.3	2.10.4	—	—	—	39.1
White Star	1	50	1.37	2.15	2.50.2	—	—	35.2

Derby Ponies.

Christmas Belle	1	36	1.11	1.44.3	—	—	—	33.3
Diana	1	38	1.13	1.47.3	2.22	—	—	34.2
Deception Bay	1	41.1	1.21.4	2.00.3	2.30.4	—	—	36.1
Four Clubs	1	35	1.08	1.41.2	2.15.2	—	—	34
Gay Cabellero	1	34.3	1.07.2	1.41.1	—	—	—	33.4
Grand Duke	1	41.4	1.22.2	1.55	—	—	—	32.3
Grey Dawn	1	36	1.11	1.44	—	—	—	33
King's Bounty	1	36.2	1.11.2	1.46.2	2.17.2	—	—	31
King's Consort	1	39.1	1.16	1.51.4	2.24	—	—	33.1
King's At Arms	1	36	1.11.1	1.48.2	2.19	—	—	30.3
Lobster Bay	1	43.1	1.21	1.54.4	2.30	3.04.3	3.36.3	32
Silver Queen	1	37	1.11	1.41.3	—	—	—	30.3
The Goods	1	35	1.08	1.41.2	2.16	—	—	34.3
The Tiger	1	50	1.30	2.06	2.42	3.18.3	3.47	30.2
Witty Stag	1	37	1.12	1.47	2.20	—	—	33

Old Ponies.

Duke of Chantilly	1	48	1.33	2.13	2.47.3	—	—	34.3
Fair Sport	1	42	1.19.2	1.50.2	—	—	—	31
Hiawatha	1	44	1.25	2.09.1	2.46.3	—	—	37.2
Ilya Mouronitz	1	42	1.23	2.03.2	2.43.2	—	—	40
Jamnia	1	40	1.18	1.47.3	—	—	—	31.3
King's Courier	1	37.4	1.13.3	1.45.1	—	—	—	31.3
Lord Protector	1	37.4	1.13.3	1.46	—	—	—	32.2
Noukhail	1	41	1.18	1.52.3	—	—	—	34.3
Royal Flush	1	36	1.11	1.47	2.18.2	—	—	31.2
Sitting Bull	1	42	1.20	1.54	2.31	3.08	3.41.1	32.1

The following were timed on the Grass Course:—

Sub-Griffins.								
Baby Face	1	36	1.14	1.50	2.21.4	—	—	31.4
Duke of Urgan	1	45	1.29	2.03.3	—	—	—	34.3
Osiris	1	45	1.24	2.02	2.37	—	—	35
Pineapple	1	36	1.09.2	—	—	—	—	33.2
Plantain	1	36	1.09.2	—	—	—	—	33.2
Sunrise Eve	1	45	1.24	2.02	2.37	—	—	35
Surprise Eve	1	45	1.24	2.02	2.43	—	—	35
The Tent	1	38.2	1.14	1.51.3	—	—	—	37.3
The Widgson	1	38.2	1.14	1.48.2	—	—	—	34.2
What's Yours	1	45	1.29	2.03.3	—	—	—	34.3

Derby Ponies.

Blue Heaven	1	37	1.20	1.59	2.31	—	—	32
Patridge	1	35.3	1.13	1.52	2.26	—	—	34
Peppercorn	1	36	1.11	1.48	2.19.2	—	—	31.2
Peppermint	1	45.3	1.11	1.45	2.19	—	—	34
Picallili	1	35.2	1.10	1.45	2.16.2	—	—	31.2
Pippin	1	45.3	1.11	1.45	2.19	—	—	34
The Albattross	1	46	1.26.2	2.03	2.34	—	—	31
Windsor Stag	1	43.1	1.21.3	2.00	2.34	3.00	—	32

Old Ponies.

Thunderbolt	1	42	1.28.4	2.09.1	2.42.1	—	—	33
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BOOKMAKERS REFUSE TO BET AT CARDIFF.

AND CROWD STAYS AWAY.

The bookmakers recently refused to bet at the Arms Park Greyhound Racing Track, Cardiff, last month. The action was due to the receipt by some members of the Welsh National Sporting Association of letters stating that in future they would not be allowed to bet either in the Arms Park or the Welsh White City tracks. The association discussed the letter at a meeting that night and decided not to bet until some reason for the refusal was given.

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FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB.

There will be a Point-to-Point at Potts' Bungalow on Saturday, January 18, at 3.45 p.m.

Hounds will meet at Potts' Bungalow on Sunday, the 19th, at 3 p.m., instead of Saturday, the 18th.

A large crowd gathered outside the track, and although the management decided to race only a few people attended. Later the management issued the following statement:—

"Incidents had occurred in connection with the Arms Park track which necessitated the denial of admission to certain persons, and until the directors of both tracks meet to consider the decision, no further steps can be taken."

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"I want a mirror."
"A hand mirror?"
"No, one for my face."

She: "Why do you call your dog Tonic?" He: "Because he's a mixture of bark, steal, and whine."

Teacher: "In what condition was the patriarch Job at the end of his life?"
Tommy: "Dead."

Proud Host: "The radio sounds as if the artist were in the next room!"
Guest: "Grrrrrr! Let's look!"

Modern Youth: "You look like a sensible girl; let's get married."
Modern Maid: "Nothing doing. I'm as sensible as I look."

Porter: "This train goes to Muford and points east."
Old Lady: "Well, I want a train that gets to Downtown, and don't care which way it points."

"Come along now," ordered the policeman, handcuffing the prisoner's wrist to his own.
"Of course I will, old dear," said the culprit jocularly. "I'm very much attached to you."

She: "How far can your ancestry be traced?"
He: "Well, when my grandfather resigned his position as cashier of a bank they traced him as far as China, but he got away."

"What would you like to be when you grow up, Johnny?"
"I think I'll be a soldier."
"You might get killed."
"By the enemy, of course."
"Well, then I guess I had better be the enemy."

She: "They haven't found a name for that baby in the flat upstairs yet."
He: "The one that cries so?"
"Yes."
"Well, I don't know why they haven't. The neighbours have called it everything they could think of."

"Would you have loved me just as much without my money?"
"Just as much, my darling."

"He comes of a very good family."
"Yes, and he seems to have come a very long way."

"You've saved my life and I'd give you \$5, but, unfortunately, I have only a \$10 bill."
"Never mind—jump in the river again."

Tom: "What makes your daughter such a chatterbox?"
Tim: "I think both she and her mother were vaccinated with a gramophone needle."

Countryman (looking at a well-known picture): "Vandeyk, by himself. What a silly thing to put. Anyone could see that there is no one with him."

Draper (remonstrating with assistant for unpleasantness to a customer): "Miss Jones, you must remember a customer is always right."

Miss Jones: "Well, sir, she said that you were an old shark."

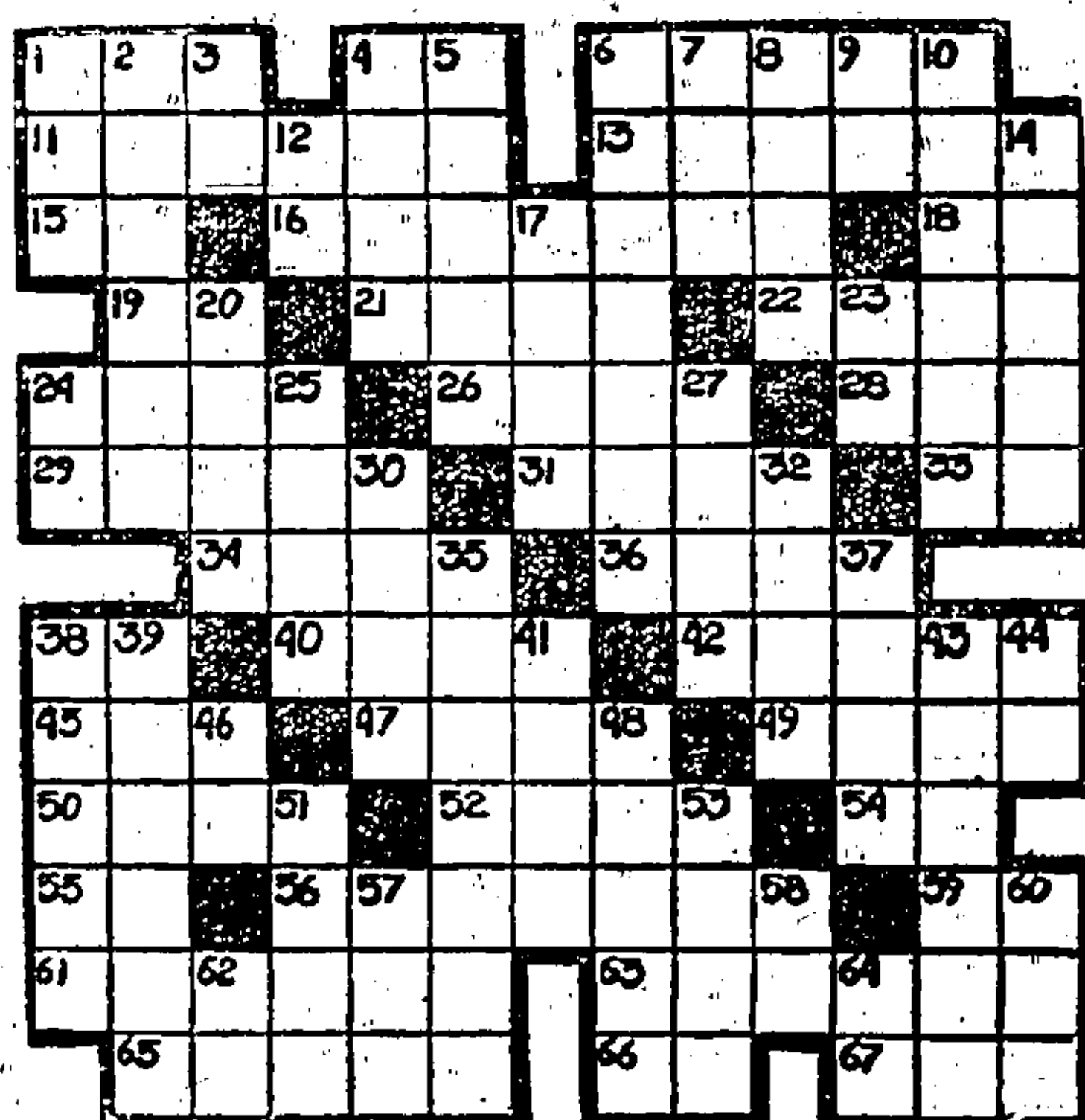
Miss Gusher: "I've just come from Mrs. Newpops. I just can't imagine a more charming picture than a young mother putting her baby to sleep. It's just sweet!"

Mrs. Malaprop: "That's so, especially if she's singin' a pretty alibi to it."

He was a stout man, and his feet were big in proportion. He wore stout boots, too, with broad toes. When he went into the boot shop to buy another pair, he found he had some difficulty in getting what he wanted. A dozen pairs were shown him.

"No, no! Square toes—must have square toes," he insisted.
"But, sir, everybody is wearing shoes with pointed toes. They are fashionable this season."
"I'm sorry," said the stout man, as he prepared to leave the shop. "I'm very sorry to have troubled you, I'm sure. But, you see, I'm still wearing my last season's feet!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1.—Rested.
- 4.—Upon.
- 6.—Wild.
- 11.—City in Portugal.
- 13.—Hard covering.
- 15.—Above.
- 16.—Without goal.
- 18.—Thus.
- 19.—Plural ending.
- 21.—Membrane.
- 22.—Part of lock.
- 24.—Clubs.
- 26.—Hauled.
- 28.—To observe.
- 29.—Selected portion.
- 31.—Ages.
- 33.—Comparative ending.
- 34.—To govern.
- 36.—To break.
- 38.—To act.
- 40.—To cheat.
- 42.—Fancy.
- 43.—To imitate.
- 47.—To persecute.
- 49.—To venture.
- 50.—Climbing plant.
- 52.—To seal with wax.
- 54.—Behold!
- 55.—Within.
- 56.—Servants.
- 58.—Pronoun.
- 61.—To remove from office.
- 63.—Self-satisfied person.
- 65.—Ate.
- 68.—Negative.
- 69.—Doomed to death.

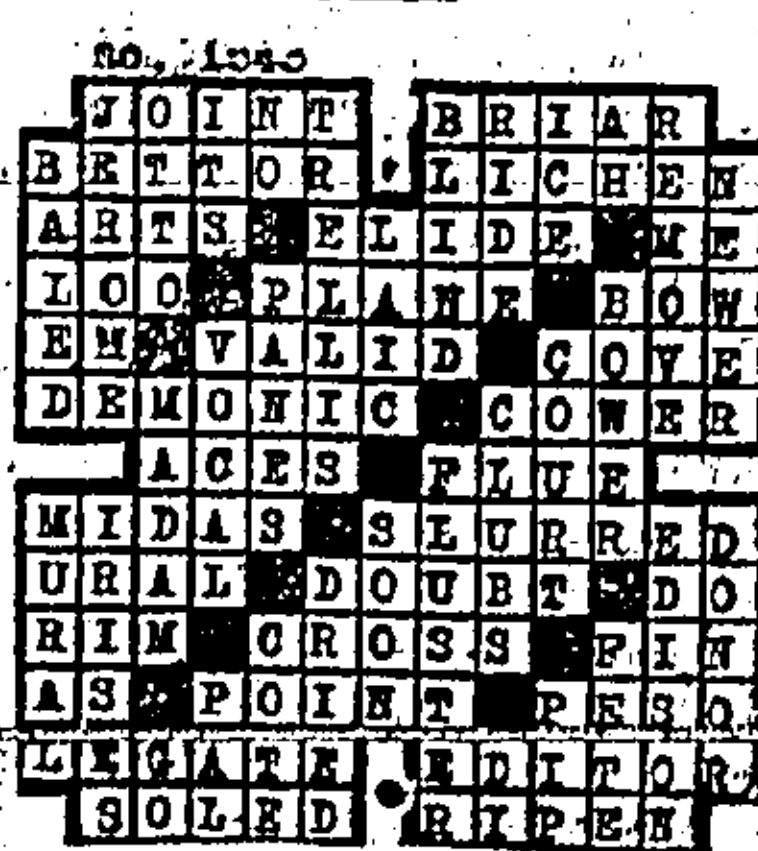
Vertical.

- 1.—French coin.
- 2.—To petition.
- 3.—Toward.
- 4.—Pertaining to the ear.
- 5.—Wanderer.
- 7.—Abstract being.
- 8.—Reckless.
- 9.—Part of the eye.
- 10.—One who rents.
- 12.—Egyptian god.

- 14.—Galloper.
- 17.—Bait.
- 20.—To agitate.
- 23.—While.
- 24.—To exist.
- 25.—Short remainder.
- 27.—Magic rod.
- 30.—Greek island.
- 32.—Carnelian.
- 35.—Chosen.
- 37.—To ring.
- 38.—Man's name.
- 39.—Believed.
- 41.—Ship bottom.
- 43.—To awaken.
- 44.—Pronoun.
- 46.—Half an em.
- 48.—To smooth feathers.
- 51.—Black.
- 53.—Latin; therefore.
- 57.—To employ.
- 59.—Therefore.
- 60.—Pen.
- 62.—3,1418.
- 64.—Supposing that.

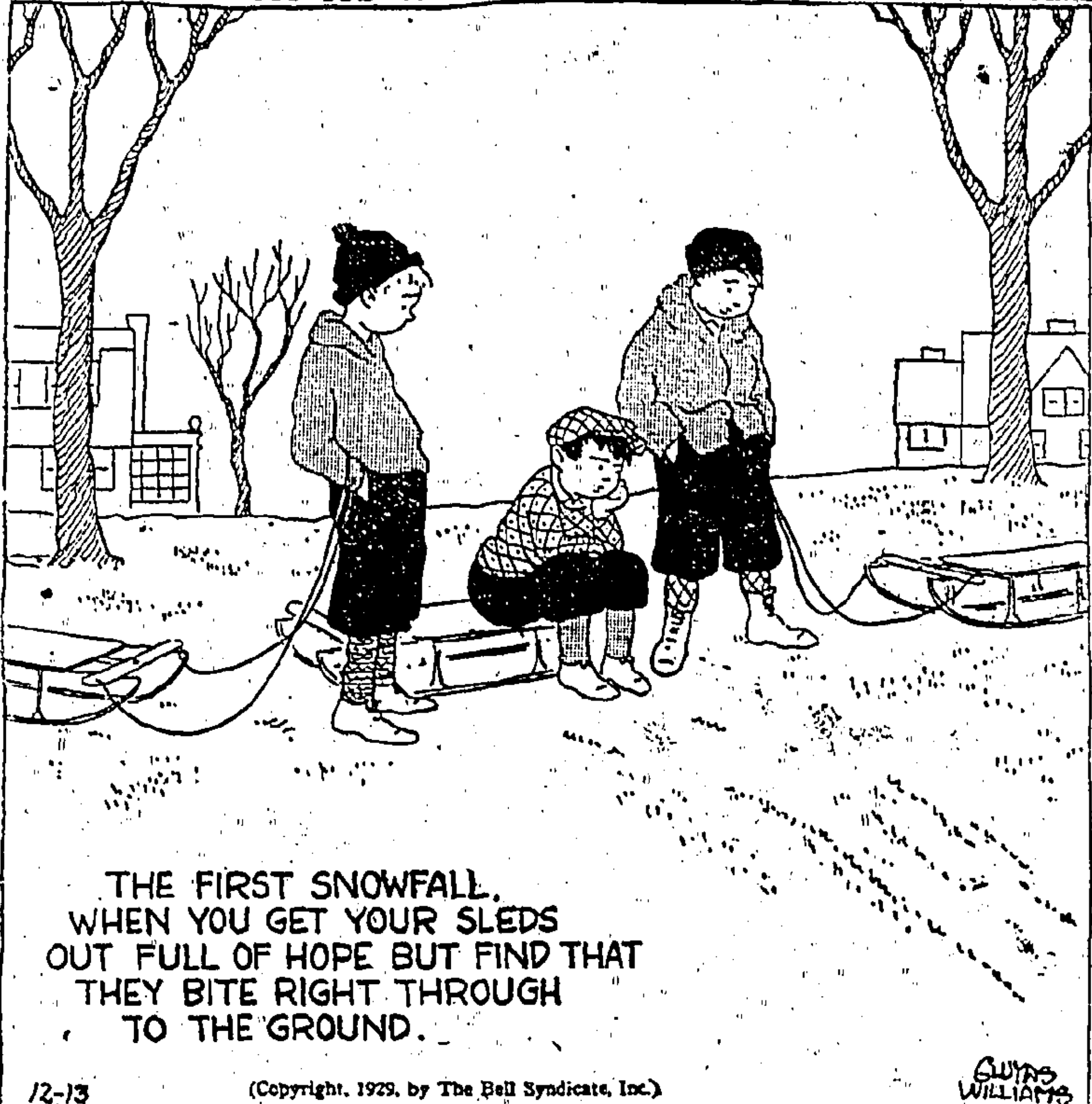
This puzzle took 20 minutes to solve. See how long it will take you to solve it.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

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OUT FULL OF HOPE BUT FIND THAT
THEY BITE RIGHT THROUGH
TO THE GROUND.

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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

BIG COLLEGE MEET IN HARVARD POOL.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association of America will hold its annual swimming championship meet in the new Harvard University swimming pool on March 28 and 29. Announcement to that effect was recently made by William J. Bingham, director of athletics at Harvard. Mr. Bingham invited the National Collegiate Association, through Prof. Frederick H. Leuhning, the director of athletics at the University of Minnesota, to hold the championships at Harvard this season. A year ago they were held at the University of Washington, in St. Louis. Professor Leuhning, also chairman of the committee of the National Collegiate Association, which has the responsibility for the swimming championships, accepted the invitation.

The championship meet will dedicate the Harvard pool, which is located in the new indoor athletic building at Cambridge, presently under construction, which is to cost \$1,225,000. The swimming pool will be completed in February, though the rest of the athletic building will not be finished until June.

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NAVY OPEN RUGGER SEASON WELL.

The Royal Navy, in their opening Rugby match of the season, gained a capital victory over Devon, at Torquay, winning by a goal and two tries (11 points) to a goal (5 points). Fine tackling by Devon alone prevented the Navy from running up a big lead in the first half, for the visitors displayed the greater skill both in passing and in individual dashes. The only score before the interval fell to the Navy, Leo getting over for an unconverted try. The Navy attacked strongly practically throughout the second half, and though Devon tried hard their defence was forced to give way on two more occasions. First Havers obtained a try and then Lee crossed, Luddington converting in one instance. Just before the finish Devon broke away and Richards got over, Stanbury placing a goal.

Harvard will have a seating capacity for 1500 persons at the swimming championships. It will not be represented in the championships by a team, but it probably will sponsor an informal team in the 1930-31 college year.

TWO AMATEUR PLAYERS SUSPENDED.

Requested by the English Football Association to inquire into the incidents which occurred at Redhill during the Football Association Amateur Cup-tie between Redhill and Sutton United when A. Hance and W. W. Tribe, of Sutton, were ordered off the field, the commission of the Surrey F.A. met at Croydon recently to carry out their investigations. The proceedings were held in private, but at the close Mr. Bell, the chairman, in response to an inquiry by a press representative, stated that Tribe had been suspended for six weeks and Hance for four weeks.

OLYMPIC BOAT RACES.

Delegates to the North American Yacht Racing Union recently approved the executive committee's recommendation that yacht racing during the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles, be restricted to four classes of boats. The union announced that Olympic competition would be for six and eight-meter and in a monotype class, that is, boats sailed by one man. Decision on all Olympic matters pertaining to yacht racing had been turned over to the North American Union by the American Olympic Committee.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

WINTER CLEAN YOUR FELT HATS.



It is surprising how soon felt hats become soiled during the damp rainy days of winter. But there is no reason why they should be worn in a soiled condition, as they may be cleaned at home quite simply and with every degree of success.

Coloured felt hats are best cleaned with common salt. The salt should be warmed in the oven on a tin tray, and rubbed well into the hat by means of a piece of flannel. If the felt is very soiled, it may be necessary to repeat the operation with a fresh supply of salt. The process is completed by brushing and shaking the hat until all trace of the salt is removed.

Dark Colours.

Black or dark felt hats should be treated with warm bran, which is obtainable from the corn merchant. The bran is applied in the same manner as the salt, care being taken to pay special attention to those parts which are very soiled.

HOT-WATER BOTTLE COMFORT.

Spartans are admirable in their place and season, but not in British bedrooms in winter-time. There are many situations in life when the glow of virtue will take the chill off a Spartan resolve, but it takes a hot-bottle to do anything really effective with a chilly bed in a chilly room.

Hot-water bottles have no firmer friends than doctors. You know that comfortable feeling of well-being which begins to pervade the body when it is brought into contact with a judiciously warmed bottle.

Doctors have their own name for the physical reaction to the bottle which brings it about. They call the condition hyperemia or dilation of the blood vessels.

By dilation of the blood vessels in the neighbourhood to which the heat is applied, a better supply of blood is brought to the part concerned. Hence the glow. The hot-water bottle, in somewhat the same fashion, brings comfort to many rheumatism-racked victims. The heat penetrates beneath the skin and reaches the joint. The flow of blood at the point is accelerated, and this acceleration releases some of the elements which are causing the pain.

to those parts which are very soiled.

When dealing with black hats, it is an excellent plan to sponge finally with a little dilute ammonia.

In the case of beige or very light-coloured felt, the cleaning should be performed with hot, dry powdered fuller's earth. The hat is sprinkled with the powder and rubbed lightly with a clean, soft handkerchief.

When the hat is quite clean, remove the powder with a soft-bristled brush.

EYEBROW BEAUTY.



Artificial shapes in eyebrows are now going out of date, and the natural line is again in vogue. That is to say, they are allowed to grow in a natural way, indeed even encouraged to be thick.

Eyebrows need attention if they are to be kept in good condition. When the face is washed, care must be taken that they are thoroughly rinsed, and no trace of soap left upon them. The more they are rubbed during the drying, the better for the roots.

An eyebrow brush is a useful addition to the toilet table, and should be used night and morning; it helps to stimulate them far better than simple rubbing with the finger tips.

An occasional "cut" is beneficial, but it must not be too frequent, just about once every three or four weeks, and is really only necessary when they are too thin.

The smell of fish often lingers on chins and cutlery even after the most careful washing up. To avoid any risk of this add a teaspoonful of mustard to the washing-up water. This entirely kills any trace of the fish.



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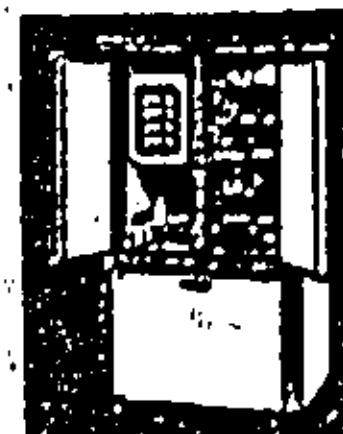
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The Arsenal at Talyuanfu.

During all these months of "peace and unification," Yen Hsi Shan's immense arsenal just outside Talyuanfu has been working both day and night shifts. This arsenal, which is next in size and in importance to that at Mukden, now employs 10,000 men, and turns out very creditable rifles, revolvers, mountain guns and automatic rifles, together with ammunition, for all these arms.

The arsenal buildings are a surprise to visitors. Most of them are concrete structures, glass-roofed, and splendidly equipped with machinery brought from Germany. In this connection it will be recalled that Yen Hsi Shan moved the Tientsin arsenal's equipment and staff to his own capital, safe behind the Shansi mountains, more than a year ago.

Nanking's official bulletins during October and November make amusing reading, as do the files of the Shanghai newspapers for those same months. Day after day it was given out that Yen was "supporting" the Central Government, and that Yen was moving Shansi troops into Honan to make a thrust against the Kuomintang's right flank.

The truth of the matter, well known here in the North, is that Yen did not move a single soldier southward until just before Christmas, and that then the moves were made at the same time that the Kuomintang re-emerged from Shensi and re-occupied Loyang. In other words, the time had come when Yen could "take over" Honan, with the assistance of portions of the Kuomintang.

When this occurred Nanking announced that Yen was moving to attack Tang Seng Chi, but as a matter of fact Yen's armies have not fired a shot against Tang's forces. All the attacking of Tang's brigades has been done by Chiang Kai Shek's forces, pressing northward from the Hankow region, and Yen meanwhile has been busy consolidating his position at Chengchow and arranging for Tang Seng Chi to leave China. Control of Tang's army will probably pass to Han Fu Chu, and these forces will become merged with the Shansi Kuomintang.

China Out in Two.

Meanwhile China remains effectively cut into two countries. The Peking-Hankow line is cut, and the Tientsin-Pukow line remains cut though Nanking has more than once announced the "immediate" resumption of traffic on the latter.

Tang Seng Chi's army has kept the Peking-Hankow line cut, while Yen makes all necessary troop distributions, and Shih Yu San's Pukow rebels still sit astride the Tientsin-Pukow, flirting with both North and South. Shih keeps an anxious eye in each direction, for if Chen Tiao Yuan openly throws Shantung to Yen's side, he, Shih, will have to reject Nanking's reported offer of \$1,000,000 cash for the "loyalty," and that is rather a high offer as loyalties go in this year of disgrace.

The net result of all these wars and manoeuvres and secret money transactions is that the more radical forces are now at a distinct disadvantage. There appears no doubt that Chiang Kai Shek has offered to Yen terms which amount to a virtual splitting of China into the old North and South regions, with Yen undisputed ruler of the North so long as he does not openly defy the Central Government at Nanking. Mukden, by siding with Yen, strengthens the North, obtains undisputed autonomy for Manchuria, and will now be free to follow Yen's example and squelch the Kuomintang locals which have been springing up here and there.

How long this precarious peace will last no one can even venture to guess, but certainly only until one side or the other can recruit enough strength by bribery, coaxing or coercion, to develop a confidence of an easy victory. Then open fighting will certainly be renewed.

A Precarious Peace.

The foregoing developments have heartened the North in many ways. There are continuous and open discussions over Yen's known determination to move the capital back to Peking, and because of this, real estate values here are beginning to pick up for the first time since Chang Tso Lin evacuated the city in June of 1928.

There is no denying that Yen Hsi Shan is giving the North the best administration it has had since the Nationalist victory of 1918, and if one excepts the period of a few months just after the capture of Peking when Shansi officials administered this section without interference from the Kuomintang, Tang-Pu Eliminated.

As soon as the "Tang-Pu" tyranny began, conditions became very bad indeed, but Yen has now practically eliminated Kuomintang Committee tyranny. The recent wrecking of Peking's trains by mobs of ricksha coolies gave Yen the excuse he had been awaiting, and since then he has been more than firm, almost ruthless, in fact,

in suppressing Party organizations under the excuse that the various Kuomintang Committees were dominated by radicals and were therefore a menace to peace and order.

Chinese businessmen, bankers, and the educated classes generally look hopefully to Yen. They declare that he is not only an able administrator and a subtle politician, but that he is also ambitious and just.

Yen profits by choosing able lieutenants. Generals Shang Chen, Fu Tao Yi, Chang Yin Wu and his other administrators in this area have done well. During the height of the Kuomintang Committee tyranny, when boycott organizations and Strikers' Committees defied the law, founded their own courts, ran their own gaoles, and "arrested" people at their own sweet will, there was no safety for life nor for property.

To-day this party tyranny is ended in Yen's area, and in Manchuria the beginnings of it are being wiped out effectively. In Peking, Tientsin, Pootungfu and other cities streets are not only being repaired, but new street paving is actually being laid, sewage systems are being extended, and other public works are being undertaken.

In Shansi itself, despite a year of peril and of continued warfare, more than \$400,000 was spent for new motor roads in 1929, the schools were kept going, and the province's own serious famine problem was cared for by provincial authorities.

The Contrast in Shantung.

Outside of Yen's zone conditions are very bad. Shantung Chinese who come to Peking on business declare that Shantung would welcome Yen's control because it would end the tyranny of the Tang-Pu. In Tsinanfu, the Shantung capital, the Kuomintang Committee composed of boys from 19 to 23 years of age openly flout the police and the military, incite strikers, levy fines, and are conducting an inflammatory anti-Christian propaganda with the encouragement and assistance of Mr. Hu Tien Yuan, the Shantung Commissioner of Education. The same conditions prevail in almost all of Shantung, except Chaochow and Tsingtau.

In general, it may be stated that North China has never enjoyed over the Kuomintang organization, nor has it responded with any warmth to the San Min Chui propaganda. The Nationalists after capturing the Peking-Tientsin area, treated North China as though it were a conquered foreign land. Local examples of the Committee Form of Government have aroused no enthusiasm here at all—to put the case mildly indeed. Peking and North China, under these conditions, may be excused for over-estimating General Yen Hsi Shan's ability, his shrewdness, his military power and his supposed genius for being a "Model Governor," but it is indisputable that at this moment the shadow of "The Little Shansi Governor" seems to stretch very far across the war-weary land.

**CORONER'S VIEWS ON
LARGE FAMILIES.**

**"QUESTION OF MORAL
RESPONSIBILITY."**

Dr. Edwin Smith, the coroner, at an inquest held at Shoreditch on Albert Cawthorne, aged eight, son of Mr. George Cawthorne, a carman, of James-court, Bethnal Green, said:

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The father said that he was living in two rooms with his five children. They had thirteen children and eight had died. He was out of work and was suffering from rheumatism.

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MR. SIDNEY F. MAYERS ON THE SITUATION.

BAD POSITION OF THE RAILWAYS.

The thirty-first annual ordinary general meeting of the British and Chinese Corporation, Ltd., was held on December 11 at the offices of the Company, 3, Lombard-street, E.C., when Mr. S. F. Mayers (the chairman) addressed the meeting as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The report and accounts presented to this meeting deal with the financial year which ended on June 30 last. As compared with the previous year, the profit and loss account shows a slight improvement in our position. Commission, interest and other profits are £2,436 13s. more than in 1928, and after deducting expenses, which are some £780 less than in 1928, there is a credit balance of £1,907 2s. 8d., which has been added to the credit of profit and loss account in the balance-sheet. As regards the balance-sheet, our liabilities to creditors are reduced by £10,368 10s. 10d., and our investment account is increased by £5,634 12s. 7d. On the other hand, interest payments which should have been met by the Chinese Government during the year under review are in arrears to the extent of £34,599 19s. 4d., which brings the total under this heading of interest in default up to £104,672 6s. 3d. The continued inability of the Chinese Government to devise means of meeting these payments has the effect not merely of depriving us of funds which are due to members of this Corporation, but of impeding us most seriously in the fulfilment of the object for which our company was formed thirty years ago. This object, as you are well aware, is to afford means in association with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., for the investment of British capital in Chinese Government railway enterprises. In pursuit of this object, during periods when the issue of loans has for one reason or another been impracticable, we have made advances to the Chinese Government for railway purposes. The repayment of these advances with accrued interest has fallen gravely into default, and the result is that our power of rendering assistance to the Chinese Government in the task of rehabilitating its railways, after years of internal strife, is reduced. It is with a sense of deep disappointment that I have again to allude to these defaults, which could have been wiped off rapidly if the Chinese Government had gained more effective control of the railways in which we are interested. At our last annual meeting the National Government had been established at Nanking for barely six months. It was confidently hoped at that time that prompt steps would be taken to deal with railway debts, but twelve more months have elapsed with but little progress in that direction. At the same time we recognise that some progress has been made, though it has consisted for the most part in academic study of the subject rather than in efforts to make payments.

Peking-Mukden Railway.

The crux of the railway position, so far as our financial interests are concerned, is to be found in the Peking-Mukden Railway, for the reason that this line is pre-eminent in its capacity to provide the surplus earnings which should be made available to us in liquidation of obligations secured on those surplus earnings. The usurpation of control of this railway by the Provincial Authorities of Mukden, has, I am glad to inform you, been relinquished to some extent since September last. I say advisedly "to some extent," as we have no evidence yet to show that control of this railway has been effectively assumed by the Ministry of Railways at Nanking. That evidence will not be complete until we learn that the surplus earnings of the railway are applied by the Ministry of Railways to the purposes for which they are hypothecated. In the meanwhile, we have learnt recently with satisfaction that the rolling stock and engines of the railway removed to the Manchurian section of the line outside the Great Wall of China, are at length being surrendered. When they have passed through the workshops for repairs it is to be hoped that earnings will soon be restored to normal figures.

Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

The railway which connects the present seat of Government in China, Nanking, with the commercial capital of the country, Shanghai, the Shanghai-Nanking line, affords proof of what can be done by the Ministry of Railways when its control is not interfered with by Provincial Authorities. The earnings of 1928 exceeded all records and were sufficient to meet loan service, as well as to pay dividends due to net profit certificate holders for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928. During the current calendar year loan service has been fully met, including the first instalment of amortisation, and up

to the date of the recent interruption of traffic, earnings have exceeded considerably those of the corresponding period of 1928.

Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway.

The adjoining line to Hangchow and Ningpo, which is under the same administration and staff as the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, has also done fairly well, and loan service has been duly met.

Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Control over the Canton Kowloon line was re-established by the Ministry of Railways early this year, and this short railway has done as well as can be expected after its long period of disruption. Its physical condition has been improved with the assistance of funds contributed by the Provincial Government for sleeper renewals, and through traffic with the British section has been maintained by means of additional engine power provided by the Hong Kong Government. The earnings, however, are still barely sufficient to cover working and maintenance expenses, with no balance for loan service. The defaults on the sterling loan of 1907 remain, therefore, without any provision for payment.

Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

I now wish to say something on the subject of the Tientsin Pukow Railway. Though this Corporation is not titularly a party to the loan agreements in terms of which the Tientsin-Pukow Railway was constructed, we are, as you know, closely associated with Chinese Central Railways, Limited, and the duties of our representative in China include attention to the affairs of this important railway.

Of all the railways in which we have interests, the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has perhaps suffered most in recent years from mismanagement coupled with military interference. Other lines, even when disorganised by the effects of civil war, have maintained to some degree their character as public utilities, but for several years past through traffic on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has been suspended and such sectional traffic as has been carried on has shown no balance over operating expenses. The Ministry of Railways has not yet succeeded in assuming direct control of this line, which is still subject to political and military influences. Its debts for salaries and wages in arrears, for equipment and stores and for defaults on loan service present a formidable problem.

Negotiations With Ministry of Railways.

Indeed, gentlemen, this whole question of what is to be done—what can be done—about Chinese Railways, in which British capital has so large a stake—is a formidable problem. An opportunity for its discussion here in London has been recently accorded to us by the Chinese Ministry of Railways. A special representative of that Ministry, Mr. J. K. Cho, has been in London for the past two months, and we have had the benefit of the presence here also of Mr. B. T. B. Boothby, our representative in China. In conferences with Mr. Cho, we have examined a number of great difficulties awaiting solution, and I wish to pay tribute to the energy which has been shown by Mr. Cho in his contribution to our discussions and to his sympathetic recognition of the point of view of disappointed creditors. Whether anything can eventuate from our discussions in the shape of a remedy for the unfortunate position of Chinese railways and their creditors, I do not yet know. The nature of the remedy which is needed is perfectly plain. It is, to put it briefly, the resumption of complete control of railway revenues by the Ministry of Railways, and their exclusive application to railway purposes, of which provision for the payment of debts is an indispensable preliminary to the restoration of railway credit. Concurrently, the remedy must also include the restoration of the railways themselves to good physical condition, which involves further capital expenditure. That we still have confidence in the ability of Chinese Railways to meet their obligations when reasonably managed is shown by the only new business contracted by us during the year. By an agreement concluded last June we have undertaken to provide the Shanghai-Nanking Railway with 8 additional engines, 100 steel goods waggons, and 24 passenger coach underframes on a system of hire purchase. We have been able to do this for the Shanghai-Nanking Railway because the terms of the Loan Agreement regarding the disposition of the earnings have been duly observed by the Ministry of Railways. We ought to be in a similar position with respect to the Peking-Mukden line, but in the case of that railway the conditions regarding earnings

(Continued on next column.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

"ENGLISH UNDEFINED."

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With reference to Prof. Simpson's instructive lecture on English difficulties and "Kelt's" interesting letter on the Junior Local debate (English being, I presume, in the majority of cases the "failing" subject), it seems to me that the method of teaching English to Chinese in Hong Kong is utterly at fault.

To all non-English speakers the difficulties of English are admittedly great, but to the Chinese, who are diametrically opposed to us in so many points of thought, habit and custom, they must be superlatively so. Why then in the name of all that is educational, are Hong Kong Chinese taught English through the archaisms and obsolescences of Shakespeare and Lamb, or the incomprehensibilities of certain "selected" Essays, so that most of the teachers' time is wasted in showing that certain expressions are now ungrammatical, or altogether changed in meaning, or in trying to explain thought as obscure and language as involved as those in an Einstein treatise, to students, who, unless continually watched, will write such "English" as "Until the men was died his friends were bury him!"

Surely to Chinese who study English "because it is spoken in America" a thorough grinding in plain, matter-of-fact English prose such, for instance, as that found in well-written newspaper leaders, would be of infinitely greater service than the teaching of obsolescences and profundities.

Given a good grounding in the element is, the Chinese can very well be trusted to add sufficient embellishment and embroidery; for, in English composition, is not one of their greatest faults, a tendency to symbolic, metaphoric and poetic exaggeration? but deliberately to teach brush-and-palette English to those who have not a hammer-and-chisel (or, is it sickle?) knowledge of it can give results only as lamentable as they are ludicrous—fit them merely for the comic papers.

While on this subject, it would be interesting to know why it is (as alleged) that in the case of an exact subject like Mathematics the University prescribes a definite text-book, whereas in the case of a vague and wide subject like European History no guidance is given, so that a student may toil a whole year to no purpose, the subject of the examination questions being of a nature totally different from that studied.—Yours faithfully,

H. WILSON.

Hong Kong, January 15

THE TUNG ON AND TIEN HOI COLLISION.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OWNERS CONFERRING.

The Naval Intelligence Department informs us that the representatives of the owners of the Tung On and Tien Hoi have met in an endeavour to effect a settlement of the case. The coxswain and pilot of the Tung On admit they were at fault with regard to the collision. The representatives have proceeded to Canton to get an assessment of the value of the Tien Hoi. They are expected back in Wuchow in a few days.

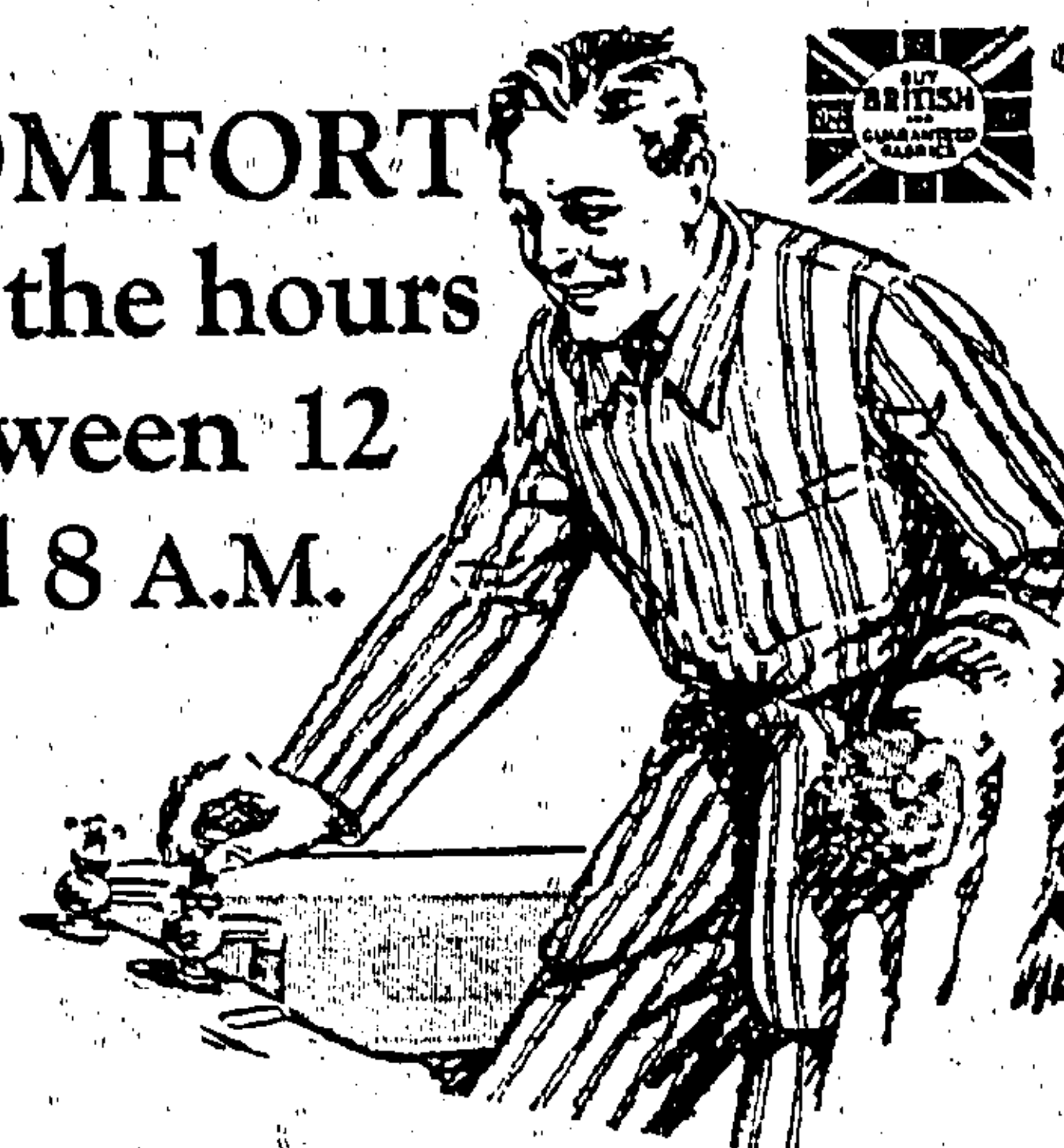
which are defined by the Loan Agreement and subsidiary agreements, have not been observed by the Provincial Authorities in control of the line. The possibility of providing further financial assistance in the great task of restoring prosperity to railways in which our interests are already so deeply involved, must depend, therefore, upon effective steps being taken by the Chinese Government to restore confidence. This, clearly, can only be done by scrupulous respect for existing obligations, and by carrying out suitable measures for the protection and efficient administration of their railways.

Unfortunately the news from China during the past few days dispels the view entertained by many observers of the situation in that country that the National Government was firmly enough established to undertake the work of setting its domestic affairs in order without further upheavals. In the circumstances of the moment we can only hope that a reorganised authority, capable of exercising the functions of government throughout the country may soon emerge from the struggle which is now going on.

The chairman concluded by proposing the adoption of the report and accounts. This was seconded by Sir Charles Addis, K.C.M.G., and carried unanimously.

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WHAT THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE SHOWS.

AUDITOR'S EVIDENCE OF MR. BURNETT'S FINANCIAL STANDING.

The inquiry was opened by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Central Magistracy yesterday into the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett, which took place at their house at the Peak on New Year's Day. Almost the only persons present were Press representatives and those directly interested in the case.

According to the medical evidence, Mrs. Burnett's wound was not self-inflicted, but the two medical men who were called as witnesses were agreed that Mr. Burnett's wound might have been self-inflicted.

Dr. A. Cannon in the course of his lengthy evidence said that Mr. Burnett was suffering from *angina pectoris*, and he was of the opinion that the deceased was, at the time of the tragedy, temporarily insane.

FULL REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

The jury was as follows:—Messrs. F. G. Kerley (foreman), H. T. Buxton, and W. J. Waddington.

Addressing the jury, the Coroner said:—The occasion for this inquiry, gentlemen, as you are probably aware is the death of Mr. George William Cade Burnett and Mrs. Burnett. It occurred on January 1 of this year. Both of them were found dead, with gunshot wounds, in their house. You will have no difficulty whatever in arriving at the facts. The great point before you will be arriving at the mental condition of the principal actor in the tragedy. A great deal will turn on the medical evidence and two doctors will be called. As Dr. Strahan's evidence will be much shorter than Dr. Cannon's I propose to call him first. He was the first doctor who saw the bodies. So far as we know, it proves that the occurrence took place between 9 and 9.30 in the evening.

Mrs. Burnett's Instantaneous Death.

Dr. S. Seguin Strahan, senior partner of the firm of Drs. Allan and Strahan, said that on January 1 he received a telephone message from Mr. T. H. King to go to Mr. Burnett's house. He met Mr. King (who lived next door to witness) and they went together to the house where they found the bodies of Mr. Burnett and his wife, both of whom witness knew personally. Mr. Burnett was sitting in an armchair and Mrs. Burnett was sitting on a Chesterfield couch, with her feet up. They were both dead. The cause of death in her case was due to a bullet wound in the head. In witness' opinion, death must have been instantaneous. Witness further stated that the wound could not have been self-inflicted.

Mr. Burnett, said the witness, was also dead, and the cause was also due to a bullet wound on the head. In his case, however, death could have been self-inflicted. There was a revolver in Mr. Burnett's left hand and the wound was on the left side of the head. Judging from the temperatures of the body, witness thought death must have taken place about an hour or so before his visit.

Mr. Burnett's Illness.

Mr. Burnett had consulted witness as a medical practitioner in both 1928 and 1929. Dr. Strahan stated that deceased was then suffering from blood pressure and a weakness of the muscles of the heart. Witness saw Mr. Burnett about four or five times in 1928 and three times in July and August last year.

The Coroner: Knowing his medical history to a certain extent, what effect would his illness have on his mental condition, in your opinion?

Witness: On account of the changes in the blood vessels there would probably be changes in the brain which would lead to deterioration of the brain.

In answer to another question, witness said "I think he was of rather an excitable disposition. He consulted me last year and complained of depression and of being easily irritated. On his last visit he said he was feeling much better and did not come back again."

Dr. Strahan further stated that Mr. Burnett was in a condition which led to depression but he had no reason for thinking Mr. Burnett would commit suicide at the time, although, the witness was not "enormously surprised" to hear he had committed suicide.

Mr. T. H. King: August was the last time you saw Mr. Burnett?—Yes.

The Post Mortem.

Dr. A. Cannon, Medical Officer in Charge of the Mortuary, was then called. He said:—

"On January 2, this year at 11.45 a.m., I conducted a post-mortem examination on the body of a European lady personally known to me as Mrs. Caroline Burnett, aged 40 years, who died on January 1, 1930, at her residence at the Peak. She was also present."

"Concerning the cause of death it was primarily due to a gunshot wound in the head, which could not have been self-inflicted. The secondary cause was intra-cranial haemorrhage. As regards the general physical condition of the body there was no evidence of organic disease beyond early senile changes. The direction of the wound was from the crown of the head downwards, fixed in the base of the skull and travelling internally to the right ear. The wound was roughly 45 degrees from the horizontal. The shot, causing the wound, must have been fired from the back and the deceased would be lying back at the time. The party firing the revolver would be at a higher level. The result was a fracture to the base of the skull. The wound fitted in with a .32 automatic bullet. I extracted a nickel bullet. Death was, to all intents and purposes, instantaneous. Witness proceeding said that he also made a post-mortem examination on the body of Mr. Burnett, aged about 62.

"The cause of death," said Dr. Cannon, "was primarily due to a through and through gunshot wound in the head roughly from the left temple, just a finger's breadth in front of the left ear. The bullet passed out of the head roughly two fingers' breadth above the right ear. The bullet travelled horizontally and slightly in an upward direction. The size of the wound was consistent with a bullet which the Police found. There was a slight smoke mark around the entrance of the wound which indicates that the weapon was fired at close range and was consistent with a left-handed suicidal wound."

Angina Pectoris.

"As regards the general physical condition of the body, the heart showed marked myocardial degeneration which really means excessively weakened heart muscle. As regards the brain, there was no evidence to indicate any organic disease beyond the fact that congestion was universally present throughout the brain. All that I am in a position to say is that that is a condition which is found in cases where the arteries of the brain have become thickened and hard and it is not uncommon in heart conditions which have become acute, a condition known as *Angina Pectoris*. I mention *Angina Pectoris* because the condition is believed to be due to a similar thickening of the arteries of the heart."

Continuing, Dr. Cannon said that he was a personal friend of Mr. Burnett's. The latter had consulted witness and had mentioned some months ago that everyone seemed to be so busy and no-one seemed to be able to give him a "thorough overhaul." Witness examined Mr. Burnett (a purely personal matter) and arrived at the conclusion that he had marked high blood pressure, and an enlarged heart with its action weakened. He also found that Mr. Burnett was in a nervous state.

From the physical signs, nothing else was found, but from the symptoms which Mr. Burnett gave witness, he felt that Mr. Burnett evidently suffered from attacks of *Angina Pectoris* which must have commenced many years ago.

Perfectly Normal But

Continuing, Dr. Cannon said that he considered Mr. Burnett a perfectly normal person, so far as any person could have been. He was in full control of his senses except when the attacks of *Angina Pectoris* occurred. "It is a known fact that then, a person may, for a varying time, from seconds to hours, not be in full possession of his mental powers. I wish to make it quite clear that a person suffering from that complaint is quite capable of carrying on his work, but he has a warning of the attack and as soon as he feels right again his head will feel 'thickened' for a matter of hours and as soon as the 'thickness' is removed he becomes normal again."

New Year's Day.

The Coroner: Assuming for a moment that Mr. Burnett first shot his wife and then shot himself, can you form any opinion as to what was his state of mentality at the time?

Witness: Yes, my own opinion, based on my knowledge as a doctor and a friend is that the excitement and pleasure of New Year's Day had been a considerable strain upon his heart and that this in turn had resulted in another attack, maybe more severe than any he had before, but certainly a severe attack of *Angina Pectoris*.

Dr. Cannon explained that it was a known fact that people suffering from this disease should never go anywhere where there was the least excitement, as it had been known to prove fatal.

Deceased's Letters.

At this stage Mr. Hamilton observed that the jury would be shown certain letters written by the deceased. He asked Dr. Cannon whether it was possible that the attack could have come on before dinner.

Dr. Cannon replied that it was usual for attacks of this kind to come on shortly after sunset. The Coroner then asked Mr. King, if Mr. Burnett's movements were known.

Mr. King replied that Mr. Burnett on that day had been to Kowloon and had returned before 7 p.m. when he went to his office and from the office to his house.

Dr. Cannon said that it was quite possible that the walk up the hill to Mr. Burnett's office, would be a strain on his condition.

Mr. Hamilton explained that letters were found after the suicide, written on Newspaper Enterprise paper, but no loose stationery was found in the house and it looked possible that the stationery was obtained from the office sometime between 7 and half past 8. Dr. Cannon had shown clearly that an attack might have come on while deceased was walking up to his office.

Dr. Cannon asked for the opinion of the jury: "I consider at the time of the tragedy that Mr. Burnett was temporarily insane. That is my personal opinion as a doctor and a friend."

"Morbid Humour."

Dr. Cannon related an episode which he described as "morbid humour." He said that once when he called on Mr. Burnett in the office, the latter gave him a photograph, in his everyday manner, with the observation that when he came to the Mortuary to be cut up, Mr. King (A.S.P.) might like the photograph and that no doubt he (Mr. Burnett) would make a useful anatomy specimen for the students.

On the morning of the Hauling piracy, said Dr. Cannon, deceased had asked for permission to visit the Mortuary, and did so.

Mrs. Burnett was perfectly sound, said witness, and the couple were very affectionate.

Auditor's Evidence.

Mr. J. H. Seth, of the firm of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, was next called. He said that he had known Mr. Burnett for about twelve years. His firm were auditors to the Newspaper Enterprise Ltd. The Company published the *China Mail* only.

The Coroner: Was there anything in the condition of Mr. Burnett's company that might lead to the tragedy?

Witness: Nothing, apparently. It had difficulties at times since the boycott of 1925. He agreed with the Coroner that this was a fairly general experience.

The Coroner: Was it Mr. Burnett's personal company? There were only two shareholders, Mr. Burnett and his wife.

Was the Company perfectly sound financially?—Perfectly.

Do you know what happens to the shares?—I have no real idea.

Witness added that he was a close personal friend of Mr. Burnett and his wife. They were greatly attached to each other. Their only worry, so far as he knew was that Mrs. Burnett was afraid about the state of her husband's heart.

Coroner: Had he ever suggested suicide to you?—No. He was not a man to commit suicide.

Did Not Speak?

The next witness, Ho Cheung, said that he was house coolie to Mr. Burnett at the time of the tragedy. On January 1, he went up to close the windows in accordance with his standing instructions. He knew that his master and mistress were in the house at the time. When he went to close the dining room window he saw Mr. Burnett sitting on the sofa. His master as a rule used to say "Good-night" to him, but on this occasion he did not speak.

Continuing, the coolie said he became frightened, and ran below, and called the "boy."

Questioned by the Coroner, witness said that previously he had heard a bang "like a brass cymbal falling on the floor." This was about 9 o'clock. There was only one bang. He was working in the coolie house at the time, and did not take much notice.

As regards his master's earlier movements, witness said he saw Mr. Burnett when he returned before dinner, and also at dinner. He and Mrs. Burnett returned at about 7.30 p.m. and Mr. Burnett seemed quite normal.

A Kind Master.

The Coroner: Did you see a gun in your master's hand when he was in the chair, and did not speak to you?—At first I thought he was holding a book, but on closer examination I saw it was a gun.

Was it in his left hand?—Yes. Witness added that Mr. Burnett had always been a very kind master to him.

The Day's Programme.

Ship Yuen, who was then called, said he had been cook-boy at the house since 1927. On New Year's day, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett had dined at about one o'clock, and retired for a rest. Mr. Burnett came back about 3 o'clock, and he (the cook-boy) called Mrs. Burnett about 3.30. His master and mistress had tea about 4 and went out about 4.30.

They both returned to the house about 7.35 p.m., he himself admitting them. They both seemed perfectly normal. They had dinner, which he served, Mr. Burnett having his normal meal. They finished dinner at about 8.15, and after serving them with drinks, he went down to his own quarters at about 8.30.

The Coroner interposed at this point to explain that the servants' quarters in the house were underneath the drawing room, in the basement.

Questioned further, witness said he saw his master as he went down to his quarters. Mr. Burnett was then going upstairs to his bedroom. He was fully dressed, except that he had discarded his coat. That was the last time he saw his master alive.

Noise Not Unusual.

Witness continued, "while I was reading a newspaper, I heard a noise. It was then a little after 9 p.m. It sounded something like a large fork falling on the floor." About five minutes later he heard a similar sound. "I did not do anything, as it was not unusual to hear sounds of things falling upstairs. I had often heard such noises."

After a little time, the house coolie came down and roused him. Witness thought this would be about 10 o'clock. "He told me the master had a gun in his hand. I went upstairs, but I was afraid to go direct into the room. Instead, I peeped in under the door curtain. Judging by the master's appearance, I thought he was dead. At the time, I did not notice my mistress. I did not notice whether the front door was locked or not."

Witness said he then went to the police-station, and made a report. On the question as to whether the front door was locked or not, the European police sergeant who first arrived on the scene said that he entered the house through the basement. Mr. T. H. King said that he also came in that way.

Mr. King: You say you went downstairs. Did you hear your master walk down again from his quarters?—No.

Has your master a heavy or a light tread?—A very heavy tread.

Mr. King pointed out that in a previous statement to the police, witness had spoken of hearing his master come downstairs again, but, questioned again, witness repeated that he had heard nothing.

Mr. King: You knew your master had a pistol?—Yes, I had seen it in his bedroom.

Replying to the foreman of the jury, witness said that Mr. Burnett was left-handed.

A Lady's Statement.

A statement made by Mrs. Bevan, of Kowloon, was then read by the Coroner. Before reading it the Coroner emphasised that the statement was not evidence, but he would give it for the benefit of the jury.

Mrs. Bevan said in the statement that she had known Mr. and Mrs. Burnett for a very long time. They were very old friends.

On New Year's Day they arrived about 8 o'clock, on a social call, explaining that they had come especially to wish her a happy New Year. There was nothing at all unusual in their manner. They stayed for some time. Mr. Burnett had one glass of brandy which he diluted with water. When invited to take more, he declined. Mrs. Burnett refused any refreshment. Whilst in the house, Mr. Burnett spoke of his son, who, he said, was on his way to Hong Kong.

They left at about 7.30, in rickshaws, in the direction of the Star Ferry. They were a most happy and affectionate couple.

The Coroner remarked there appeared to be some discrepancy as to the time, but agreed with Mr. King that possibly there was a slight error in the statement. They had adequate evidence on the point, however.

What Happened at the Office.

Leung Chan, watchman at the *China Mail* offices, was then called. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Burnett came to the office at about 7 p.m. on New Year's Day. They both walked up the hill from Queen's Road. He switched on the lights and Mr. and Mrs. Burnett went into the office. They were there about ten minutes. He did not see what took place.

Upon coming out, Mr. Burnett could not get the key out of the lock. He himself tried to release it, but failed, so it was agreed to leave the key there until the following day. They left about 7.10 p.m. and Mr. Burnett was still in the office until Monday, January 20, at 2.15 p.m.

TROUBLE AT SEATS OF LEARNING.

STUDENTS ON STRIKE IN CANTON.

UNPOPULAR CHANGES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 15.

The students of the Canton Aviation School at Taishatan went on strike to-day, as a protest against the change in the President of the institution. The Government at once put all the recalcitrant ones under arrest. Unlike other schools in the city, the Canton Aviation School is a military institution, organized and controlled by the 8th Military Route—hence the military intervention. Soldiers took the strikers unawares, and locked them up in the School. There was no bloodshed, the unarmed students submitting without a struggle. It is not known what sort of punishment will be meted out, but they will no doubt be tried under military law.

NOT WANTED!

Trouble first arose when General Chang Wai Cheung, Chief of the Nanking Aviation Department, appointed himself president, thereby ousting Chow Po Hang from the post. Several members of the teaching staff, including Mr. Wong Yuk Poo, Dean of the School, were summarily dismissed. The students, who strongly resented this action, issued a manifesto supporting President Chow Po Hang and Dean Wong Yuk Poo, and asking General Chang Wai Cheung to reconsider the matter and cancel his edict. The circular to the public sets forth in strong terms the reasons why the existing administration should be allowed to continue. Both President Chow and Dean Wong, it went on, had rendered invaluable service to the development of aviation in South China. They are airmen of note and had participated in the war against the Kwangsi troops under Pei Chung Hsi last May and in the recent campaign against the Kwangsi-Ironside coalition. They were also responsible for the surrender of the rebellious Canton fleet in the spring, which action saved the city from falling into the hands of the Kwangsi invaders.

In addition to the above manifesto a telegram was sent to General Chen Tsai Tong in Wu-chow, asking for support. But apparently no satisfaction was obtained, and the strike was declared. A second manifesto, in similar terms to the first, was afterwards issued. The Government has so far made no statement concerning the affair, and the local newspapers in Canton have nothing to say.

MORE DISSENSION.

Uneasiness is also being felt at the Kwangtung Technical College. The Canton Government, through the Department of Education, decided to change the headmaster, Mr. Yeh Chia Chun, who has presided there for the past two years, having been appointed to the post by Mr. Wong Tsi, the former Commissioner of Education. Mr. Wong, however, was a close friend of the former Kwangsi clique, and left the city a long time ago. The present Canton regime therefore appointed Mr. Yau Chung to take charge of the Technical College.

Although the appointment was made some weeks ago, the newly-appointed President has not yet taken up the portfolio. In fact, according to a professor of the College, he has not even made an appearance on the campus, because of the hostile attitude of both the students and the teaching staff.

The faculty members have addressed a petition to the Department of Education pointing out the unwisdom of making sweeping changes in the middle of the academic year. They profess great admiration for President Yeh and ask that he should not be removed. But so far the Government has turned a deaf ear to these blandishments. It is now reported that the present staff of the College will resign en bloc when Mr. Yau Chung comes to take office.

Happy New Year. He seemed very cheerful.

Before leaving Mr. Burnett had cleared the letter-box, opened the letters and cables, and perused the contents. He appeared to be perfectly normal throughout.

The cook-boy was then recalled, and in reply to Mr. King, said that his master and mistress occupied separate bedrooms. Mrs. Burnett slept in the front, and Mr. Burnett at the back. At 3.30 p.m. on New Year's Day he had seen his master in the drawing room reading a book. The Coroner then announced that he would adjourn the proceedings until Monday, January 20, at 2.15 p.m.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2938	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 2200, Tung Choi Street.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan.	108	11,075

[8900]

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[8910]

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By Order of the Board,
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HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

OWNERS are Reminded that ENTRIES for the ANNUAL RACE MEETING must be in the Hands of the SECRETARY on or before SATURDAY, 18th JANUARY, 1930, at 3 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
[8904]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th FEBRUARY
AND 1st MARCH, 1930.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are now Ready and may be obtained upon Application to the SECRETARY.
Hong Kong, 8th Jan, 1930. [8866]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1930, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1929.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED From TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY to TUESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Local Forecast: E. winds, moderate, generally overcast, some rain and fog, warmer.

BIRTH.

BOWEN.—At Croxdale Mill House, Durham, to Mr. and Mrs. NORMAN BOWEN, a son.

MARRIAGES.

LOWICK.—ROSEMARY.—On December 5, at Brompton Parish Church, HENRY CAPPEL LOWICK, of Hong Kong, to VERA MRS. only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. ROSEMARY, of Penarth, Glam.

REID.—GREGORY.—On December 3, at Bristol, Robert M. Reid, elder son of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Reid, Ealing (late of Shanghai), to Mildred Gregory, daughter of the late Mr. ARTHUR GREGORY and Mrs. GREGORY, Bristol.

DEATHS.

HIGHT.—On December 7, in London, FRANCES LEONORA, widow of DAVID JOHN HIGHT, of Ayr, Scotland, and Federated Malay States.

MACRILL SMITH.—On December 9, at Holmwood, GEORGE MACRILL SMITH, in his 85th year, late of Canton.

RAMAGE.—On December 3, at Eastbourne, WILLIAM BLACK RAMAGE, formerly of Java, aged 77.

STEWART.—On December 5, at 118, Sloane Street, S.W., Sir GEORGE STUART, K.B.E., D.L., J.P., aged 71.

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HONG KONG, JANUARY 16, 1930.

AN "UNSATISFACTORY" CASE.

Issues of grave importance to the Hong Kong public generally and the police particularly were raised in the very unsatisfactory case which concluded last week with the dismissal of charges of possessing and uttering six forged \$100 notes, brought against a young Chinese fuki.

The findings and comments of the Magistrate were of such a nature that the matter can hardly be allowed to stand as at present. Some form of official action must be taken in the interest of police and public alike. The facts of the case were simple. A representative of the Shui On Wing firm complained to the police that the defendant had given six forged \$100 notes in settling an account for \$3,100 odd, on behalf of his firm. The young man was brought to the Central police-station, but an "expert" called in by the police declared that the notes were genuine and the suspect was duly released.

The next day the Chartered Bank rejected the notes as undoubted forgeries, and the correctness of their decision has not been questioned. A search for the accused was set on foot and he was apprehended, in somewhat chance fashion, while at a tea-merchant's place of business. At the police-station, according to the official version, he admitted buying six forged notes for \$500, and offered to take a detective round to the quarters of the man, named Tze, from whom he purchased the forgeries. On being asked when Tze was likely to be in, the accused man said in an hour's time. They waited that time, but on the call being made, Mr. Tze was not at home. No further evidence was unearthed, and this somewhat flimsy story was produced in Court by the solicitor acting on behalf of the firm which found itself saddled with the forged notes.

The investigations hardly add a chapter to the annals of neat and efficient detective work. The complaint made by the Shui On Wing firm raised a matter of great importance. Hong Kong and Canton have long suffered from the activities of note forgers, and the police of both places are naturally on the alert to trace these very dangerous offenders. Here was a case with a promising clue, but the use made of it hardly suggests the methods that bring daring and well-equipped criminals to book.

The police expert failed the authorities badly—it is not unfair to say, inexcusably badly. He looked at the suspect notes and guessed quite wrongly that they were good. It would be interesting to know if he were provided with a genuine \$100 Chartered Bank note for purposes of comparison. Either he was not, or else he is a very inefficient expert. His investigations do not appear to have been supervised, and on his pronouncement the suspect was released, with full opportunities before him, had he been so disposed, to warn the gang and make good his own escape. The exact circumstances of his second arrest are not very clear, but the impression given is that if he had been a CARVALHO Yeo he would have shaken off his pursuers and made himself scarce as quickly and completely as the murderer of Mr. Lee Hysan. Being, however, a mild and respectable young man, he "went quietly." To the man's treatment at the police-station reference will be made later. To resume the tale of the investigations, the same easy-going methods continued. Well might defending counsel say in amazement to Detective-Sergeant Kennedy: "On the advice of one whom you thought to be a criminal, you waited a whole hour. Did it not occur to you that the man might be making time for his accomplice to get away?" "Not after he had himself offered to take us to look for Tze," was the officer's reply. But while a criminal might be willing to give an accomplice away to serve his own interest, he would probably be nimble-witted enough to exploit so accommodating a suggestion. However, the perfunctory search of Tze's quarters yielded nothing, and accused's own explanation that this "part of his confession" was a ruse to get in touch with a friend is nowhere contradicted. But in any case Tze had had ample time to remove a whole printing-press—if there had been one in his cubicle.

These are the facts as disclosed in Court. We all know the very human tendency for those concerned in a mystery, big or small, to say sagely—"There is a lot behind it," and to add "if you knew the ins-and-outs you wouldn't talk like that," or to make some equally impressive observations. We all realise that sometimes there is substance in such hints, and that police officers often miss by bad luck an important clue; that many of their plans are more complete and subtle than appears on the surface. But it can also be said that the Hong Kong police are no more anxious than any other body of men to hide their light under a bushel. When smart work is done the facts, or a discreet portion of them, are disclosed and due credit taken. If the investigations were really of a very different nature from what they appear to have been, an official explanation should certainly be forthcoming; or on the other hand there can be no complaint if the public draws wrong and unjust conclusions. We can only judge on the facts as we know them.

The Magistrate, who heard the case, remarked that the person who inflicted the injuries on accused's limbs and body was "an expert in a mild form of torture." No one becomes "an expert" without practice, and the unfortunate presumption is raised that the methods employed had already been perfected, and were not an improvisation. Where and how was this skill obtained? Most of us could inflict pain if we set about it, but to do it scientifically is another matter. We all learned something in our schoolboy days, but to know that blows on the fubla are particularly painful is not given to the average man. Inevitably the public now wonders about many confessions which prisoners have strenuously but unavailingly repudiated. Dr. CANNON admitted that last October and November he used to get three or four complaints daily by prisoners of ill-treatment. Since the public hearing of this case he had not had one! It is quite impossible not to draw an inference from this most suggestive statement, and it is an inference which is decidedly disquieting.

We have already referred in these columns to the need for some machinery to protect both police and prisoners. This case shows the urgent necessity for letting light into our police-stations. It is essential that our police should be above suspicion of faking evidence and extorting confessions, but this can only be done by devising some form of impartial supervision. Important investigations cannot be left to junior officers and inexperienced Chinese and Indians. If drastic reforms are not made, the reaction will be a refusal of juries to convict, and a great encouragement to lawless and criminal elements.

News and Views.

Three cases of small-pox and one of typhoid were reported on Tuesday.

We are informed that No. 147, Kong Sau Yuen, has been awarded Matriculation and not a Senior Local Certificate, as at first announced.

Mr. H. Ching, of the South China Morning Post, who is now on leave in Australia, has been successfully operated upon for ulceration of the stomach.

There will be a concert at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, January 23, at 8.30 p.m. Items by Madame Bonenfant, Mrs. Bowes-Smith, Major McNair, and Mr. R. A. Green. Tickets may be booked in advance. Please note, teas must be booked, telephone Matron C.2160.

Letters of administration of the estate of Capt. H. A. Walker, retired master mariner, who died of influenza at the French Hospital on December 9 last year, have been granted to the widow, Irene Mable Walker, residing at 10, Carnarvon Building, Kowloon. Testator left estate in Hong Kong worth \$5,000.

Wong Fuk Tin, retired restaurant-keeper, who died in his sixteenth year at 133, Tai Nam Street, Sham-shui-po, last September, left an estate of \$33,100 in Hong Kong. Probate has been granted to Wong Wai Kam, merchant of 49, Connaught Road West, who receives a share of the house rents collected by him for distribution among the members of testator's family.

Under the arrangement entered into between the British and Chinese Governments a number of junior officers have arrived in England. Twelve cadets will join the Erebus at Devonport for training with the special entry cadets of the Royal Navy on January 17. Eight sub-lieutenants will join the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The programme approved for the cadets is that they shall serve afloat for twelve months after completing the year's course in the Erebus, and then go to Greenwich to study as sub-lieutenants. In past years several officers from China and other countries have been given facilities for study in the ships and establishments of the Royal Navy.

The Norwegian Klavens Line is commencing this month a new service between American Pacific ports and Java and Sumatra. The route followed will be—Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang, Belawan, South Sumatra, Java, Macassar, and Balikpapan. Papan, Macassar, and Balikpapan will return direct to America. The service on the North China route is to be provisionally combined with the Dutch East Indies service but it is intended to maintain the Dutch Indies service with five new motor ships, namely, the Pleasance, Cornville, Roseville, Granville, and Leoville, each of 9,000 tons dead weight. The new line refuses to join the Dutch East Indian Freight Conference, and sharp competition with the Java Pacific line is to be expected.

Sir Hugh Clifford, late Governor of the Straits Settlements, who is 63 years old, is to take up flying with a view to qualifying as an owner-pilot. Sir Hugh went up from Stag-lane Aerodrome, Hendon, Middlesex, on December 6, in a De Havilland Gipsy Moth, piloted by Mr. E. Fulford. He gave written instructions to the pilot of the things he would like to experience. Mr. Fulford took the machine up to 7,500 feet—it was bitterly cold at that altitude—and carried out the instructions, executing loops, rolls, right and left spins, and spirals. "I have used aeroplanes to get from place to place on my official duties," Sir Hugh said, "and now I am going to start to qualify for a pilot's ticket so that I may fly my own machine." Owing to the state of Lady Clifford's health it will be necessary for her to spend much of her time in the West of England. Sir Hugh said that with a machine of his own he will be able to leave London on a summer's evening and be in Devon in time for dinner.

P. & O. Profit-Sharing.

At the annual meeting of the P. & O. Steam Navigation Company Lord Inchcape said that under the profit sharing scheme established in 1924, they now had deposits from employees of over a million sterling, on which they got 7½ per cent. interest, so long as the P. & O. dividend was not less than 10 per cent. The deposits were at call on reasonable notice, but the depositors, over 1,200 in number, never seemed to want to withdraw their capital. It was a depositor he would not want to withdraw his. A simple profit-sharing arrangement, it cost the company £20,000 a year or so, as he mentioned at the last meeting, and he was sure the stockholders would not grudge it. He had long wanted to inaugurate something of the kind, and the idea came to him one night in the sleeping car on his way to Scotland. He had worked it out there and then, and then sent it to his staff in London next morning. They had no objection to raise, and when it came before the board it had their unanimous approval. If the stockholders approved of the payment of a dividend of 18 per cent. for the past year the employees would get their interest of 7½ per cent. on their deposits. He would conclude by saying that no organization, so far as he knew was better served, nor was there any where the relations between the various Boards, agents, brokers, staff and employees, both ashore and afloat, were happier than in the P. & O. Group. As Nelson said of the officers and men of his fleet at the Battle of the Nile, they work together. "Like a band of brothers," and this he felt would continue to be the case, not only while he remained in command, but with those who might come after him.

An entertainment will be given by the pupils of the Victoria Home, in St. Andrew's Church Hall, on Thursday, January 23, at 5 p.m., in aid of the building fund for All Saints Church School, Yaumatei.

The ninth annual athletic sports of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians will be held on Friday, January 17, at the Indian Recreation Club Ground at 2 p.m. Mrs. A. T. Hamilton has kindly consented to present the prizes at 5 p.m.

The Chinese in Malaya.

In the fourth of a series of articles on the trade position in the Far East, a correspondent of *The Commercial* (Manchester) points out that Malaya is not producing or exporting to one-half of its capacity, and that it is shipping back as an importer of British goods, particularly those of Lancashire. The Chinese he describes as virtually dominating the territory. They are, he says, "the plutocrats of the future," and as they are already more numerous than the Malay, who is neither a trader nor a worker by instinct, and consequently will never have the money to spend on cloth that the Chinese will have as a class, we must cater specially to their needs. Assigning reasons for the decline in Malayan demand for British goods, not a difficult process, the writer of the article says "we have failed to compete with Japan and the Continent in the lower and medium classes of cotton and woollen goods. To the same competitors we are gradually ceding the better styles because we are not offering for sale the right quality at the right price. No concerted effort is apparent to build up an intelligence service whereby British manufacturers are enabled to produce the required article at a competitive price. In the past we have relied almost entirely on friendly importers in Malaya to market our goods, and now they have been forced to turn their attention to more lucrative directions. It has become self-evident that our goods cannot carry sufficient commission to warrant the employment of the necessary staff to supervise their sale and distribution. There is but one course left open. Manufacturers, without increasing their overhead costs, will have to make their own selling arrangements. The present system is obviously wrong because it does not meet with modern requirements." In conclusion *The Commercial* correspondent states that the Chinese in Malaya prefer British goods because of their quality and general appearance. When, however, they can buy more cheaply elsewhere what suits their customers, they have no option but to do so, for they themselves are subject to keen competition.

Looking Back 25 Years.

At the Central Police Station on Saturday morning a large number of the police force assembled in the reading-room for the purpose of making a presentation to Inspector W. J. Ford, who, after twenty-two years' service in the Hong Kong Police, was leaving that afternoon for the S. Malta for the Old Country. Chief Inspector Baker, in making the presentation, referred to the arrival of Inspector Ford and himself in 1882, from which time they had been close comrades. The Colony in those days was not what it is at the present time, either in size, safety, or health. Police duties were then very arduous; crime was rampant, and armed robberies were of almost daily occurrence. It was not uncommon for the police to have to turn out, armed to the teeth, to pursue marauding bands of robbers, especially in Bonham Strand district. But few houses were to be seen on the hillside in those days, and there was only one European resident at Kowloon. The Colony was smaller, and there were no reclamations such as we have to-day. These improvements have gone far to facilitate the suppression of crime, as the new and well-made roads furnish easier methods of getting about. *Hong Kong Daily Press*, Jan. 16, 1905.

Looking Back 50 Years.

In building a house or temple, many are the ceremonies performed by the Chinese to secure good luck. One of these customs, observed on raising the lintel of the principal doorway, may be described as just witnessed by us. On the top of the two doorposts are placed strips of red cloth, to the corners of which are attached a cash and a sprig of the cypress or juniper tree. When the lintel has been raised and let down in its place, thereby securing the cloth and its appendages, a slip of red paper is attached to the lintel with the following inscription:—*Sheng Men Kiu tai lai* (Good luck attend the fixing of the door-bridge or lintel). The object of all this is to reconcile the deity supposed to preside over the door of the house. A similar custom is observed on raising the ridge-pole, and should good luck leave the house, the red cloth must be changed, to accomplish which the tiles must be taken off and re-laid. Tylor in his interesting work "Primitive Culture" has a large number of examples of similar customs in various places. *Hong Kong Daily Press*, Jan. 16, 1880.

CHINA'S IMPORT DUTIES.

COLLECTION ON GOLD BASIS.

IMPORTANT CHANGES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Jan. 15.

Following a meeting this morning the Government instructed the Inspector-General of Customs to collect import duties on a gold basis from February 1. Commenting on the decision the Finance Minister stated that the action was necessary, otherwise China would be unable to satisfy her foreign loan obligations secured by the Customs.

He pointed out that China pays \$9,000,000 yearly which at present silver levels would mean this year an excess in taels of 60 per cent. compared with 1929, and twenty per cent. as compared with last year.

Value of New Unit.

The Finance Minister also said that in converting specific rates to a gold basis, the average rate of exchange for the last three months of 1929 would be used from February 1 to March 15. On and after March 16 the approximate average rate of exchange for January 1929 would be used.

On and after February 1 the Haikwan Tael would be discontinued as the unit of calculation of duties on imports from abroad. Instead, the new gold unit would be used. This unit would be equal to 60,1866 centigrams of pure gold, and would therefore be equivalent to forty gold-dollars or 19,7865 pence, or 8025 gold Yen.

From February 1 to March 15 inclusive, specific duties on imports from abroad, now expressed in Haikwan Taels, would be converted into the new unit, on the basis of one Haikwan Tael to equal 1.50 of the new unit, and beginning March 16 on the basis of one Haikwan Tael to equal 1.75 of the new unit.

As heretofore, dollars, taels, and other currencies would be received in payment of duties. The rates at which such currencies would be accepted would be announced from time to time. At least three days notice would be given in the event of any change of rates.

MORE TROUBLE ON THE C.E.R.

REPORTED STRIKE OF CHINESE.

(Wah Tat Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15.

The Chinese staff of the Chinese Eastern Railway has gone on strike as a protest against the dismissal of many of their compatriots from the railway service by the new Soviet managing director of the Railway.

They have sent a delegate to see the authorities of the railway, requesting the reinstatement of the discharged employees, but their request was refused.

COMMUNISM IN INDIA.

MOSCOW PLANNING REVOLUTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MEERUT, Jan. 15.

Seventeen "proved facts" were enumerated by the Magistrate today when reading in extenso the committal order in the conspiracy case.

One of the notable facts, he said, was that the Communist International determined to cause a revolution in India and entered into a conspiracy to form Workers' and Peasants' Parties, to incite solidarity, foment strikes and lead up to a General Strike, followed by a revolution in conformity therewith.

The Communist Party of India and the Workers' and Peasants' Parties in Bombay, Bengal, Punjab and the United Provinces had been formed, financially aided and directed from Moscow, whilst several persons like Allison, Pratt and Bradley had been sent out for the express purpose of organising the revolution in conformity therewith.

STUDENTS' STRIKE IN KOREA.

1,000 ARRESTED IN SEOUL.

"RED" INFLUENCE?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

Further student troubles, apparently due to political wire-pullers are reported in Press despatches from Korea. About 1,000 students have been arrested in Seoul, including 250 girls.

Though reports regarding the motive are conflicting, it seems that the students at thirteen Korean schools, including two missionary institutions, with the purpose of showing sympathy with students arrested in other parts of Korea last year, suddenly struck work during a public examination, shouting "Mansel." They then rushed out of the examination halls.

The situation is reported to be well in hand, but the authorities are quoted as expressing the belief that Communist agitators are in the background.

THE FUTURE OF BURMA.

FRIENDLY PARTING FROM INDIA?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Rangoon, Jan. 15.

The separation between Burma and India is only a matter of time declared the Governor, Sir Charles Innes, speaking at a Trades Association dinner. Outlining the Government's views on separation, he said, the closer India approximated to self-government the less justification there would be for including Burma in India merely for the reason of administrative convenience.

Burma could not be properly included in self-governing India except with its own express consent.

The Governor stated Burmese were unanimously in favour of the ultimate separation and hoped it would be a friendly parting and would leave no bitterness behind.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

BRITISH AND DUTCH CO-OPERATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.

Dutch rubber producers have decided to attempt to reach a 10 to 20 per cent. restriction on production by European and native producers. A committee formed with the co-operation of British producers is sailing for Java to propose a limitation of tapping and a deposit of 30 florins per ton by European, and two cents per kilogram by native producers, which will be forfeited in case of the non-fulfilment of obligations.

WEST POINT ACADEMY PROBLEM.

NEGRO HONOURABLY DISCHARGED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Jan. 15.

West Point Military Academy has solved the colour problem by the use of mathematics. Alonzo Fajol, of Chicago, the sole negro cadet, has been "honourably discharged" for failing to pass a special examination in mathematics. Although officials have repeatedly denied unfairness, it is no secret that the discharge has solved a difficult situation.

WAILING WALL ENIGMA.

LEAGUE COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Geneva, Jan. 14.

The League Council has adopted Mr. Arthur Henderson's proposal for the appointment of three members to investigate the Wailing Wall enigma.

BRITAIN'S ROAD TRAFFIC.

A CODE OF CONDUCT NEEDED.

MR. MORRISON'S VIEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 14.

A Conference on street accidents in London, convened by Mr. Morrison, Minister of Transport, began to-day. Mr. Morrison who presided, said that it was inevitable, with development of modern transport, that the risk of the public, including pedestrians, should be increased.

They might hope, however, that children who were growing up in the midst of fast moving motor traffic would be able to adapt themselves to the new conditions better than the old generation had been able to.

He recommended to the careful and sympathetic study of the conference a road traffic bill which he hoped would be passed in the present session of Parliament.

It was hoped, he said, to make the law very much more up to date, and he believed the bill would do much to enable the Ministry of Transport to take further steps to prevent the spread of accidents in Great Britain as a whole. He attached very great importance to a provision in the bill, enabling the Ministry to publish a code of road conduct.

He said: "We do not need a dogmatic code but a substantially authoritative code, worked out by technical officers of the Ministry after consultation with all the representative organisations concerned, so that the public generally shall know how to conduct themselves on the King's Highway."

PLAN TO ABOLISH SUBMARINES.

ITALY'S SUPPORT.

CHANGE OF FRONT EXPLAINED.

The Fascist Press is at pains to explain Italy's change of front on the submarine question, since now it is generally known that Italy may adhere to the British-American thesis for their abolition after seven years of Fascist propaganda in favour of this type of armament. A serious attempt is made in the Italian Press to meet the accusation that the practical failure of Franco-Italian conversations on naval disarmament has led to Italian support of the proposal to abolish submarines.

The *Giornale d'Italia* publishes a leading article "by a distinguished Italian naval officer" which maintains that the Italian idea about submarines hitherto has been based on the defence of small nations against great, but to-day the growth of Italy's mercantile marine, her improved agricultural and commercial position, and her internal order and peace warrant the holding of a different thesis. In other words, Italy is no longer among the weaker nations of Europe. But also the submarine as a weapon has been weakened owing to deep-sea bombs and the use of aeroplanes in their detection, etc. "Thus if Italy to-day decides to renounce submarines it only means the arms of warfare which she once wanted to deal with will, instead, be obtained by better adapted means."

The article concludes with a review of the greater danger for Italy in the use of submarines by an enemy than by herself (due largely to the lack of protected submarine bases on the Adriatic coast). Finally, it is acknowledged that "Italy, in alliance with a big Power (England), which is aware of the menace of submarines, would gain by supporting their universal abolition."

"A BENEFACTOR TO HUMANITY"

GENERAL SMUTS ON PRES. WILSON.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Washington, Jan. 15.

After laying a wreath on President Wilson's tomb, "in memory of the greatest citizen of America, and a great benefactor to humanity," General Smuts, who arrived here to-day from Canada, drove to White House and chatted for half an hour with President Wilson's old friends.

JAPAN AND NAVAL TALKS.

DISAPPOINTED WITH PROGRESS.

THE RATIO QUESTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

While officials are reticent in expressing an opinion on the British-Japanese conversations, there is little doubt that they are disappointed with the small progress achieved.

From the wording of the British invitation to the Conference the Japanese appear to have received an impression that the preliminary conversations had the purpose of enabling the participants to reach tentative agreements prior to the holding of the conference; whereas, disappointment is now felt that the conversations have resulted in little more than an exchange of views.

Vernacular comments make this plain, and indications are not lacking that this reflects the official view, too, though the officials are endeavouring to minimise their disappointment, intimating their belief that Mr. Wakatsuki has at least succeeded in impressing Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that Japan's claim for a 70 per cent. ratio is not unjustified.

Meantime certain nationalistic elements are making strenuous endeavours to rouse the Japanese nation to the necessity of making Japan's demands 70 per cent. and urging that a resolution in this connection be put through the Diet as soon as it convenes on January 21.

If these elements achieve their ends, the Government will be greatly embarrassed as the Opposition Parties are likely to make political capital out of the matter at the anticipated General Election if the Government attempts to turn down the resolution, which it is bound to do, as it cannot afford to tie the delegates' hands in this manner.

British M.P.'s Proposal.

London, Jan. 15.

An interesting development in connection with naval disarmament occurred to-day when seventy-seven Members of Parliament, all Labour with the exception of one Liberal, signed a statement urging the Government to make the abolition of warships over 10,000 tons one of the principal aims of the forthcoming Naval Conference. The signatories suggest that even if a minority of the Powers do not agree to the proposal, and unanimity therefore be impossible, the Government should announce that Britain will not henceforth lay down any warships of over 10,000 tons.

Conference By Radio.

Rugby, Jan. 15.

The first plenary session of the Naval Conference, which begins in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords next Tuesday morning, is expected to last two hours. Speeches will be simultaneously broadcast from British stations, and will be transmitted also on British Broadcasting Company's short wave, Empire Station 5SW, to enable them to be relayed in the Dominions and elsewhere.

The Use of Aeroplanes.

Lord Thomson, Secretary of State for Air, referring last night to the coming Naval Conference, said that it had been stated that in his present position as Air Minister he was liable to think that any saving in regard to warships should be devoted to expenditure on yet more terrible weapons of destruction. That had never been his angle. He believed that by the substitution of the aeroplane for more archaic weapons of defence economies could be effected. But knowing the terrible power of that weapon, and how it could be directed against large and helpless populations he prayed God they would never have to call upon the service over which he presided.

TARIFF TRUCE MEETING.

26 NATIONS TO ATTEND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Geneva, Jan. 14.

The League Council has adopted a report approving the convening of a tariff truce conference on February 17. So far, 26 nations have agreed to take part in the conference.

UNREST SPREADS IN S. AFRICA.

DISGRUNTLED NATIVE LABOURERS.

ENGINE DERAILED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 15.

The native unrest in South Africa is causing considerable uneasiness throughout the country. The trouble has now shifted to East London where native railway labourers have demanded an increase in wages, or the appointment of a commission to enquire into their grievances. Failing this they threaten to strike.

Another disquieting factor, possibly connected with natives, is a series of recent attempts at sabotage on the railways. The latest occurred last night, when the engine of the Durban-Johannesburg train was derailed between Drummond and Inchanga.

A reassuring fact is that there has so far been no sign of unrest spreading to the native territories.

STORIES OF THE PRINCE.

A KITCHENER LETTER.

Some interesting stories of the Prince of Wales are told in "The Biography of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," by W. and L. Townsend recently published by Messrs. Macmillan.

A Letter From Kitchener.

The Prince's reply [at the beginning of the war when he desired to go out to France] to Lord Kitchener on the question of going to the front was brief and comprehensive: "Have I not four brothers?" "If I were certain you would be shot," replied Kitchener. "I do not know if I should be right to restrain you. What I cannot permit is the chance which exists, until we have a settled line, of the enemy securing you as a prisoner. You have a lot to learn about soldiering yet. When you have learnt a bit more, perhaps, then you may go to France."

"Dynamite Wales."

When he got to General Headquarters in France, the Prince, who earned the nickname "Dynamite Wales" because he was liable to go off at any moment, was missing one afternoon. After a little casual searching unsuccess turned to dismay, for the Prince was found to have borrowed a motor-cycle from a dispatch rider and to have ridden off in the direction of the front line. At once staff officers set off in powerful cars to overtake the truant. Night had fallen when one of the staff officers, seeing a light beside the road, stopped to ask if the Prince had been seen to pass that way. Imagine the astonishment of the staff officer when he discovered the Prince, covered from head to foot in mud, sitting and playing cards with a party of French troops by the light of a candle. Near-by the motor-cycle was hopelessly wrecked. The Prince had struck a shell hole and gone over the top.

First Aid in the Line.

Once when he had penetrated into the line within thirty yards of the enemy the Prince stood chatting with a soldier when a bullet from a German sniper's rifle struck the man and he fell to the ground shot through the chest. At once the Prince knelt and administered first aid until a stretcher came to carry the wounded man to a dressing station.

PUBLICITY COURAGE.

MAN STARVES TO ADVERTISE—AND BECOMES WEALTHY.

Mr. W. Buchanan-Taylor, publicity manager of J. Lyons and Co., Ltd., spoke of courage in advertising in a speech to the Publicity Club of Leicester recently. "I know of a case," he said, "in which an advertiser, now a millionaire, was so determined about advertising that he cut down his household expenses, denied his wife and family every kind of luxury, lived in a smaller house than his social station demanded, and literally starved himself, so that he could put the additional amount thus saved into advertising."

"Now every member of his family is wealthy."

LIBERAL REUNION PROBLEMS.

"PERSONAL FUNDS" NOT DESIRABLE.

YOUNGER BLOOD NEEDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Jan. 14.

That the Liberal reunion is still unconsummated was made evident in a speech by Lord Grey, who was re-elected President of the Liberal Council, which was born of the dissatisfaction at Mr. Lloyd George's supersession of Lord Asquith.

The dependence upon a personal fund, Lord Grey declared, was fatal to any party. Even Liberal headquarters felt the position was unsatisfactory. There was anxiety to raise a real party fund, but even then the question of leadership would remain and, if at the next general election there was no change the Liberal Council must fight with its own organisation and its own fund.

Lord Grey added that their leader must be a Member of the House of Commons. Younger men must be thought of, but he urged those who were thinking of turning towards the Labour party not to hurry to take a definite decision.

LESS RUM IN THE NAVY.

RATIONS COMMUTED FOR MONEY.

Alarm is spreading through the naval victualling yard at Deptford. Even officials at the Admiralty are discussing the matter in tones of "When I was at sea, my boy." There was once a time when perhaps the most important of the many and variegated stores at Deptford was the cellar where the casks of pure Jamaica rum were kept.

No sailor would sail without it. No battle was ever fought without the rum rations, and until a year ago great empty rum barrels, relics from the days of Nelson and Trafalgar, reposed in the vaults of Malta. Naval rum was something rather stronger than the rum which is sold in the taverns of London to-day.

The old custom of the daily "tot" is dying fast. "The men are not what they used to be," said Commander Wilkinson, the popular head of the Admiralty Press Department. "Nowadays sailors prefer to commute the tot, to which they are entitled, for a sum of 3d. daily, and the importance of the rum cellars at Deptford is diminishing every year."

A tot on board ship represents half a gill, which is an eighth of a pint, and though the numbers of those who commute are daily increasing, the rum ritual, which survives from earlier days, is still carried out with full solemnity. Each day the amount of rum needed is carefully measured, drawn and placed in an historic barrel, which bears the inscription: or rather toast: "The King, God bless Him." Rum rations are "piped" at 12.30 p.m. and the cooks attend with the necessary jugs and flat-shaped scoops with which they ladle out the prescribed ration for their table.

Drinks for Fishes.

No sailor may board his share against a rainy day or a future festivity, and it is strictly against orders to drink any one else's half-gill. The rule is that anything left over must be collected and thrown overboard. It could not be put back in the cask because of the dilution.

"I have often seen the scuppers flowing with his Majesty's best rum," remarked Commander Wilkinson in a tone of wistful regret. "I only hope the fishes appreciate it."

The custom of giving beer, or beer money in lieu, to the domestic staffs of large houses is rapidly dying out. It now appears that the rum ration in the Navy may soon follow suit.

The calendar issued by the British-American Tobacco Company is a most artistic production. It consists of four beautifully coloured reproductions of Chinese pictures done in the modern style, but dealing with popular figures in ancient history. The whole design is exceedingly attractive.

The Maritime Court at Hamburg on December 8 heard a case arising from the collision on August 3, in the Whangpoo estuary, China, between the British cruiser Cornwall and the Hamburg-America steamer Scheer. Both the State Commissioner and the Court express regret that no written statement regarding the collision, in which both vessels were damaged, was available from the British side. The Court found that the cause of the collision could not be established, but that it was not the fault of the German steamer was not to blame.

CAPT. A. J. L. WHYTE TO BE MARRIED.

POPULAR A.D.C. AND AN HEIRESS.

According to a Reuter cable received yesterday from San Francisco, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, R.E., is to be married to Miss Frances Vandyke Tyler, who is described as an heiress, of Santa Rosa.

Captain Whyte left the Colony on leave on November 16, and it will probably not be long before he returns with his bride, to whom Hong Kong will offer a warm welcome. As A.D.C. and latterly as Secretary to His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., Captain Whyte has been a well-known and very popular figure. He was esteemed by all with whom he came in contact, for his courtesy and charm of manner, and his many friends will be interested to hear of his approaching marriage and anxious to wish both Captain Whyte and his fiancée all happiness and prosperity.

Miss Tyler is not a stranger to Hong Kong. She was chief bridesmaid to Miss Elizabeth Dunbar, whose wedding to Mr. M. D. Gurney Hoare was celebrated in the Catholic Cathedral on February 12, last year. The romance, of which news was flashed over the wires yesterday, may perhaps have begun at the Hoare-Dunbar wedding which was described at the time as one of the most charming affairs of the season. Miss Tyler looked particularly attractive in her bridesmaid's gown of peach coloured silk net, and the recollection of the very happy atmosphere of the Hong Kong wedding will, we hope, make her even the more willing to come to the Colony as a bride.

NO NEW YEAR!

EFFORTS TO STOP CANTON CELEBRATIONS.

At the 15th meeting of the Canton Customs Reforms Society many proposals were submitted for the elimination of superstitions and the suppression of the observation of the old New Year.

The following resolutions were duly adopted and are to be carried out, viz.:

1. To petition the Municipality to issue an order to all business houses, and factories in Canton to cancel the New Year Vacation granted to their staffs and employees in the previous Lunar New Years.
2. To apply to the Bureau of Public Safety to forbid the burning of fire-crackers during the first three days of the first moon of the Lunar year and the sale of New Year posters by stalls in the streets.
3. To request the local Press, through the Bureau of Social Reforms and the Propaganda Section of the Provincial Party Headquarters, to publish no New Year cards and greeting messages for their customers and to request the two said departments to issue notifications prohibiting the sale and printing of new year greeting cards by the local printing houses and bookstores.
4. To petition the Bureau of Public Safety to issue order prohibiting the general street bazaar from being held at the end of the Lunar year.

Telegrams in Brief.

A Grand Jury at the Old Bailey has returned a true bill against Hatry and his three associates. The trial will probably be held on January 20.

At least \$2,000,000 has been expended by the American sugar interests as "graffi" through Lobbyists, according to a report of the Senate Lobby Investigating Committee.

The death has occurred, at the age of 63, of Mr. George Gardner Symonds, the well-known American Artist. He was a member of the Royal Society of British Artists, and was awarded the Carnegie Prize for a National Academy design in 1910. His principal works include "The Opalescent River."

The French revenue returns of last December totalled 3,942,000,000 francs, showing a surplus of 449,000,000 compared with the budget forecasts, and 277,000,000 compared with 1929. The surplus for the whole of 1929 reached 8,005,000,000 francs, compared with 1928.

Sports News

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB (JUNIOR SECTION).

ADAMSON CUP QUALIFYING ROUND.

J. H. Gelling 91-24=70 qualifies.
Other scores:—
A. J. W. Doring 86-14=72
W. H. Edmonds 86-12=74
J. H. Stewart 100-24=76

\$2,000 GOLF TOURNEY.

DENNY SHUTE WINS.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.
The \$2,000 golf championship tournament was completed to-day, the winner being Denny Shute, who returned an aggregate of 230.
Horton Smith, the youngest professional, and Bobby Cruikshank were equal second with 300. Al Espinosa returned a score of 303, Tommy Armour being 304, and Leo Diegel 305.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

HONG KONG LEAGUE—DIV. II.

R.A.M.C. v. University F.C. 0

R. Navy Res. R.A. Res. postponed.

Yesterday at Soekunpoo, the R.A.M.C. and University met in their return game. The University turned up with ten men and ten minutes after the game duly started, the University still being without their goalkeeper. He arrived after the game had been in progress a few minutes.

The game was goalless, neither set of forwards showing any initiative in front of goal.

R. NAVY RES. v. R.A. RES.

The R.A. were unable to field a team to meet the R. Navy on the Happy Valley ground so the game was postponed.

HOCKEY.

RECREIO v. Y.M.C.A.

The following have been selected to represent Club de Recreio against the Y.M.C.A. at King's Park ground to-day at 5 p.m. sharp:—C. Barros, D. C. Barros, A. M. Xavier, H. R. Pina, F. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro, F. J. Remedios, H. A. Noronha, A. P. Eca da Silva, H. A. Botelho and J. A. de Figueiredo.

RECREIO v. R.A.F.

The following have been selected to represent Club de Recreio against the R.A.F. at King's Park ground on Sunday, 19th inst., at 10.30 a.m. sharp:—C. Barros, D. C. Barros, F. M. Silva, H. R. Pina, F. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro, F. J. Remedios, H. A. Noronha, A. P. Eca da Silva, H. A. Botelho and J. A. de V. Soares.

CLUB "A" v. K.O.S.B.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" team v. the K.O.S.B. at King's Park to-morrow (Friday), at 4.15 p.m.:—

Club Colours:—C. E. Moore, L. A. R. Duncan, R. W. Sapped, A. A. R. Botelho, E. G. S. Dale, N. W. Lasender, S. J. H. Fox, Major Kerries, H. V. Parker, H. Owen Davies, and E. C. Fincher.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

CUP PRESENTED BY MR. CAER CLARK.

Through the generosity of Mr. Caer Clark a handsome silver cup has been presented to the Ladies' Hockey Clubs of the Colony, to be played for annually in a series of matches. These matches will be run on the same lines as the Sun Shield, counting 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. Three teams are competing this year, the Club de Recreio, the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club and the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club. The games have been arranged as follows:—

Jan. 18.—Club de Recreio v. K.L.H.C.
" 25.—K.L.H.C. v. Club de Recreio.
Feb. 8.—K.L.H.C. v. H.K.L.H.C.
" 15.—Club de Recreio v. K.L.H.C.
" 22.—H.K.L.H.C. v. Club de Recreio.
Mar. 8.—K.L.H.C. v. H.K.L.H.C.
Particulars of the teams and ground will appear in these columns later.

H.K. RIFLE LEAGUE REVIVED.

MR. R. M. DYER MADE PRESIDENT.

MEETING AT VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS.

There was a fairly large attendance at the meeting of the Hong Kong Rifle League held at Volunteer Headquarters yesterday, when it was decided to revive the association, which has been dormant for about a year.

Mr. B. Wylie, who was in the chair, said: In view of the widespread disappointment felt that Hong Kong did not compete in the Interport Rifle Shoot last year, Mr. C. H. Summers, the Secretary of the Hong Kong Rifle League, approached me with a view to calling a public meeting for the purpose of reviving interest in this sport.

This, I was quite willing to do, but first of all, suggested, before calling a public meeting, that it would perhaps be wise to circulate those definitely known to have been previously connected with the Rifle League, in order that their views may be sought, regarding the question of resuscitation.

Accordingly, a meeting was held on December 18, 1929, and it was unanimously decided that an effort should be made to revive the League, and that a public meeting should be called for that purpose. At this meeting Mr. Summers produced the books and all documents belonging to the Association, and also a balance sheet, dated April, 1929, showing cash in hand, amounting to \$41.08. The sum of \$21 was also due to the League from one of the competing teams. In a rifle meeting held in March, 1929, making a total credit of \$65.08. Against this was an outstanding account of \$12.10, in respect of miniature shields supplied from Home.

All present were satisfied with the explanations given by Mr. Summers and decided to call a public meeting formally to revive the Association. We are now gathered here for that purpose, and I have much pleasure in moving that the Hong Kong Rifle League be revived and that the balance sheet, dated April, 1929, which is certified as being correct by three former members of this body, be adopted.

This was seconded by Mr. D. Wainwright and carried unanimously. The Chairman announced that the next business was the election of a President. "At the meeting in December several names were mentioned in this connection," said Mr. Wylie, "but I was asked to approach Mr. R. M. Dyer, and he has consented to take office."

Mr. Dyer's election was formally proposed and carried with acclamation. Mr. F. Young was elected Hon. Secretary and Mr. F. Lakey Hon. Treasurer and the following Executive Committee appointed: Messrs. F. C. Goodman, T. Swan, A. W. Ritchie, C. H. Summers, and, on Mr. Goodman's proposal, Mr. Dyer's name was added.

Ranges and Subscriptions.
The question of the 1930 programme was left to the Executive Committee who will also go into the question of securing ranges for the League's events and practice shoots.

In conclusion, Mr. Wylie said that at the last meeting it was suggested that the entrance fee to the League be raised from the former figure of \$20 to \$25. Mr. Lakey proposed and Mr. Dyer seconded the adoption of this suggestion and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Wainwright proposed that the League be started as soon as possible in April or May. This was also carried.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

ARMY v. NAVY.

By courtesy of the Hong Kong Cricket Club the postponed Division I. League Match, Royal Navy v. Army will be played on H.K.C.C. ground to-day (Thursday), commencing at 11 o'clock.

The following will represent the Royal Navy:—Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Waisell, Comdr. F. A. C. Baker, Eng. Lieut. C. R. Bennett, Squadron-Leader C. Bounphrey, Stoker T. Cross, Lieut. D. P. Evans, Able Seaman F. Laslett, Sub-Lieut. P. C. Moseley, Comdr. E. G. Stanley, Lieut. F. M. Stephenson, Lieut. J. P. Wright. Umpire: Sub-Lieut. C. L. Glass.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. at cricket on Saturday:—Lieut. X. University (Away), Friendly:—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, E. R. Duckitt, H. V. Parker, A. C. I. Bowker, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, J. R. Collis, J. R. Hinton, E. J. R. Mitchell, and R. H. D. Wade.
2nd XI:—R. E. & S. (Home), League:—W. W. McKenzie, H. J. Armstrong, G. E. R. Divett, J. H. Hepburn, W. Harris-Walker, R. M. Wood, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan, and G. D. Mead.

THE MOTOR-CYCLE TRIAL.

THE COURSE DESCRIBED.

AN APPEAL TO "GOOD SPORTS."

Full details of the proposed Reliability Trial are now available and the rules and course have been decided upon. The Trial is open to any licensed driver of a solo motor cycle or combination. The passenger carried in the side car will not be allowed to drive the machine, and no pillion passenger may be taken on solo machines.

The Course.

The start will be from Kowloon (the actual place not yet decided) at midnight on January 30. The riders will proceed around the New Territory Circuit via Tai Po, Fanling, Un Long, Castle Peak, back to the starting point, for the first lap. The second lap will be the same way again but stopping at Castle Peak where a one hour halt will be made for breakfast. During this interval there will be a starting test. Competitors will be required to start their engine within five seconds. One point will be lost for each second taken to start after the five seconds allowed.

Leaving Castle Peak after breakfast, the riders will come back to Kowloon via Un Long, Fanling and Tai Po to the Road Junction at the foot of Waterworks Hill then on to Castle Peak and right round again finishing at Kowloon. The first competitor (it is not a race) will probably be due back at Kowloon at the end of the trial at about 1.30 p.m. on the afternoon of January 31.

Checks have not been fixed, but competitors will be required to arrive at the stopping places within one minute (early or late) of their scheduled time. Outside this limit two points will be deducted. Each minute or part of a minute after the right time, and three points for each minute before the right time. If secret checks are employed the competitors who are ahead or behind time will be penalised even more severely.

Entries Open.

Entries for the Trial are now open to intending competitors and entry forms may be obtained from the Trial Secretary, Mr. H. G. Swinburne, care of the South China Morning Post, with an entrance fee of three dollars (\$3.) before January 24.

It is understood that it is intended to start the competitors in the order in which their entries are received. In other words, an early entry will mean an early start.

All Should Join.

The Trial shows every indication of being a most successful one. There is nothing more exhilarating than to jog along in the midst of a bunch of motor cyclists, and to compete at the same time in a trial will afford every competitor the best of fun. Every motor cycle owner should make a point of entering. Ask those who competed in the previous trial if there should be any hesitation!

HOME FOOTBALL.

GRIMSBY DEFEATED IN CUP MATCH.

[THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 14.
One of the matches in the third round of the F.A. Cup, which was drawn last Saturday with each side scoring a goal, was replayed to-day and resulted in the elimination of Grimsby Town at Brighton. The latter scored the only goal of the match. In the next round Portsmouth will be at home to Brighton.

Playing in a Third Division (Northern) League match, Nelson defeated Rochdale by one goal to nil.

CURIOS FOR SALE.

FINE COLLECTION AT LAMMERT'S AUCTION ROOM.

At Lammert's Auction Rooms to-day, there will be on show, an interesting array of curios, which will be sold by public auction at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow. The collection includes several very beautiful pieces of blackwood, a dainty Chinese lantern, porcelain, and lacquer. A set of four iron pictures looked well against a background of white. There are some five-coloured screens but the centre of attraction was a Foo Yee vase of the Ming Dynasty, a pottery idol of the Yuen Dynasty and a pottery figure of the Tong Dynasty. There is a Peking Glass Dish on a blackwood stand and the many smaller items are bound to claim attention. The collection of Chinese art will be on exhibition to-day, and lovers of curios are advised not to miss this opportunity.

"THE SOMERSETS" GYMKHANA.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 9.

By kind permission of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club a gymkhana meeting will be held by the 1st Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry at Kwant, Steeplechase Course on Sunday, February 9, beginning at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

The Events.

The events will be as follows:—
1.—Mule Derby (open to other ranks Somerset Light Infantry).
2.—Gymkhana Cup.
3.—Ladies Quoit Picking (mounted) (post entries).
4.—Somerset L.I. Steeplechase.
5.—Market Race (mixed pairs) (post entries).
6.—Services Mule Race (post entries).
7.—Ladies Mile.
8.—Saddling Race.

Entries.

Entries (except for those events for which post entries are accepted) close at 12 noon on Sunday, January 20.

Entries to be made to Hon. Secretary, Gymkhana Meeting, Somerset Light Infantry, Sun Wai Camp, Fanling.

There will be a \$2 totalisator on events 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, and a \$2 cash sweep on events 1, 2, 7, 8. Big \$1 cash sweep on event No. 4.

Conditions.

2.—Gymkhana Cup:—A Steeplechase of about one mile for China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale raised 10 lbs. Winners of more than one Steeplechase including Gymkhana Meetings barred. Winners once 7 lbs. extra.
3.—Ladies Quoit Picking:—Two Quoits on posts 100 yards apart. Both Quoits to be taken, each Quoit must be carried 25 yards. Quoit 10 inches in diameter. Run in heats of 3.

TRAINING

TIMES.

Details of yesterday's gallops at Happy Valley will be found on page 2, together with "Morning Dew's" comments on the ponies and other interesting sports news.

4.—Somerset Light Infantry Steeplechase:—A Steeplechase of about one mile for China ponies. Catch weights 175 lbs. Ponies to be owned by officers of the Regiment and have been owned by them prior to January 1, 1930. To be ridden by owner.

5.—Market Race:—Lady to stand at stall of various vegetables. Man gallops up to stall, hands his partner a shopping list and basket. Lady to fill basket correctly and make out bill. Man to return to start over hurdles carrying basket and bill correctly made out.

7.—Ladies Mile:—Catch weights. Entries to close by 12 noon, January 20, 1930; but ponies names need not be given.

8.—Saddling Race:—Competitor leads pony up to saddles. Saddles pony correctly, lights a cigar puts up a Chinese umbrella at least 3 feet diameter (to be supplied by competitors) mount and ride round post and return to start over hurdles. Cigar to be alight and umbrella up at the finish.

Entry forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Captain R. H. Bakewell, Gymkhana Meeting, the Somerset Light Infantry.

MR. CHURCHILL USES A "DOUBLE."

STRATEGY TO ELUDE HIS "KIDNAPPERS."

Mr. Winston Churchill made a call to youth recently when he addressed students of Bristol University as their new Chancellor.

A plot to kidnap Mr. Churchill on his way to the meeting at the University Union was frustrated by sending on a "double" in advance. The crowd of cheering students accompanied the "prisoner" to the court arranged in the Union building, and his disguise was not discovered until the arrival of the real person.

Mr. Churchill, addressing the students later, said the most important thing about education was appetite. Education did not begin with the university, and it certainly ought not to end there.

"The road is open to you," he said. "Take full advantage of these years when the wisdom of the world is placed at your disposal, but don't spend too much time in sucking on your thumb in the tent."

"The battle is going on in every walk and sphere of life."

ITALIAN OPERA CO.

SEASON OPENING AT STAR THEATRE TO-DAY.

Carpi's Italian Opera Company open their season at the Star Theatre to-night with "La Bohème." News of their coming was received with very great pleasure by music-lovers in the Colony and doubtless there will be as large a crowd to hear them this year as there was at their last visit. Despite the fact that it is generally said that English people have no soul for Opera, there is no doubt that when a good and lovely show is offered here in Hong Kong every one is glad to welcome it, and, for lovers of music and of opera in particular the visit of this company is one to look forward to.

Perhaps one of the chief charms of Carpi's Italian Opera Company, besides their vitality, is that so many of them are capable of taking the lead. The *prima donna* of one Opera has a comparatively minor role the next night, and a fresh voice is heard in the star part. The same holds true of the men. This system has its obvious advantages. It prevents the company from going stale on the one hand as every member is given a real chance, and on the other, it gives to each performance something new for the regular patron in the audience. There are none-the-less names which everyone will remember from last year, Henkina, Bodini and Alcegaio among the ladies, and Mancini, Giovannone, Reali and Cararosa among the men. Mme. Henkina gave a wonderful rendering of Violetta in "Traviata," she sang with magnificent voice and sang with intense emotion. Her voice is strong and well trained with some very lovely notes. Mme. Alcegaio was excellent as the *Cypria* in "Trovatore" in which Opera Mme. Bodini took the lead with considerable skill.

The magnificent presence and deep bass voice of S. Reali will not be forgotten, nor the fine tenor of S. Giovannone. S. Mancini's name too recalls moments when one listened to excellent singing, in "Trovatore," as he indeed many others to which memory cannot definitely attach any particular rôle.

Carpi's Company brings something to the Colony which is very welcome, an excellent show full of vitality with real music in it, and actors who appear to take not only a pride but a real pleasure in their work.

DELI MARU PIRATES.

UNOFFICIAL STORY OF POLICE COUP.

Mr. T. H. King, Divisional Superintendent of Police, Director of the Criminal Investigation Department, refused yesterday to give any official confirmation with regard to the rumoured Police arrest of three of the Deli Maru pirates. He told the Pressmen that it was his intention to withhold the story for a couple of days, at least pending further investigations.

The story as popularly told is that the three pirates were arrested just after they had concluded the negotiations for the ransom of one of the passengers, an engineer named Han. The money, \$12,000 had actually changed hands, and had the pirates moved quickly they might have got safely back to Bias Bay. Rumors of the transaction had however reached the Police and one of the alleged pirates fell into their hands. On his information the other two were also apprehended and \$9,000 of the ransom money found. How much of this is true it is impossible to say until official reticence is relaxed. In the meanwhile the unfortunate Han, whose friends have paid heavily for his release, is left in an exceedingly uncomfortable position, if the story is correct.

THE FISHERMAN'S TALE.

OFFER TO LOCATE ILL-FATED LEE CHEONG.

"It might be true, but I have not heard anything about it!" said the Harbour Master in reply to our representative's query regarding the alleged discovery of the wreck of the a.s. Lee Cheong which went down near here on December 22 with the loss of all on board, except two of the crew.

On calling at the Fook Hoi Co., the *Daily Press* representative heard that a few days ago, a fisherman approached the owners. He said that he thought he knew where to locate the Lee Cheong, and if he found it, would the owners give him \$300?

The owners, however, asked "what if you do not find it?" "Oh," said the fisherman, "it would only be fair if you gave me \$150 for my trouble."

Since the owners have already spent \$75 on hiring two big fishing junks and putting them on the job of trying to locate the vessel without success, it was only natural that they turned this brilliant offer down.

As far as salvage work is concerned, the owners inform us that they cannot do anything till April or even May, when weather conditions will be better. And as for the fisherman, it is said that one of the big local shipping firms with an equally good proposition.

WOMAN'S CLAIM ON AN OLD DEBT.

DEFENDANT WATCHMAN HAS TO PAY.

A money loan stated to have been made in 1913 formed the subject of an action at the Summary Court yesterday before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood). Chan Wong Shi, a married woman, of 69, Wing Lok Street, claimed from Lee Hee, watchman of the Harbour Department, the sum of \$230.50 as balance due for money lent.

Plaintiff alleged that between March 1, 1916 and February 1, 1917 she advanced \$421.20 to the defendant. Up to June 30, 1927 defendant had repaid \$200.70.

Defendant said that in 1915 he was caterer to the boatmen's mess at the Harbour Office and he borrowed \$200 from the plaintiff in order to carry on the venture. He paid interest at \$8 a month for about a year and then paid off the debt of \$80.

In answer to his Lordship as to the reason for bringing a writ against him now, defendant explained that in 1925 he scolded plaintiff's son for demanding payment on his mother's account of a debt he had already repaid.

Speaking to Mr. A. E. Hall, who conducted plaintiff's case, his Lordship observed that ten per cent. interest per month seemed to be monstrous if the woman's account was correct. Later, his Lordship said it seemed more probable that the ten per cent., although described as interest, was a bonus added to the original loan, which was not so unreasonable.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said that he believed the entries in the plaintiff's books were made by defendant himself, which he had denied. The claim on the writ was merely for the balance of the account as stated in the books and judgment would be given for plaintiff in the claim and costs.

TO-DAY'S RADIO.

EXPERIMENTAL RELAY TRANSMISSION.

"Experimental relay transmission will be made nightly, except on Sundays and Mondays, of distant stations between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m."

"The transmission is dependent on favourable conditions and when conditions are unfavourable, records will be played."

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 235 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial news. 12.30 to 1.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

1.48 p.m.—Weather report. 5 to 6 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V. and Victor records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie.

"Faust," Ballet Music (Gounod), Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden.

"Minuet" (Paderewski, Op. 14, No. 1) and "Nocturne in E Flat Major" (Chopin, Op. 9, No. 2), Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"Mignon," Overture (Thomas), State Opera Orchestra, Berlin.

"Mister Cinders," Selection (Ellis and R. Myers), New Mayfair Orchestra.

"Merry Merry," Vocal Gems (Archer), Light Opera Company.

"Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna" (Suppe), Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Prophecies" and "I'm Blaze" (Harry Taylor), Norman Long.

"The Emperor," Quartet, Op. 76, No. 3 (Haydn) and "London-derry Air" (arr. Bridge), Virtuoso String Quartet.

"The Lute Player" (Alltisen) and "The Floral Dance" (Moss), Peter Dawson, Bass-Baritone.

"Zampa," Overture (Harold), Victor Symphony Orchestra.

(Continued on next Column.)

ECZEMA CAUSED SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

Spread Over Arms and Limbs. Healed by Cuticura.

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FAUST

ROUND THE COURTS.

INDIAN LAD DUPED BY HIS FRIENDS.

TEA PARTIES FOLLOW CYCLE THEFTS.

The Kowloon Magistrate (Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith) had a busy time yesterday hearing a number of cases in which he had to order corporal punishment, the case for a foolish youth, and the birch for a returned banishee.

A sad case was that of an eleven-year-old Indian boy, who pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a bicycle which he had hired.

Mr. Arthur Covey, on behalf of the defendant, submitted that the lad was led astray by another youth who sent the defendant out on two occasions to hire bicycles. The machines were subsequently sold and the originator of the scheme used the proceeds to give tea parties.

He suggested that if his Worship ordered a caning, the lad's father be allowed to do it in the presence of Det. Sgt. Humphreys.

His Worship remarked that the caning had better be done by the Court Sergeant, and he ordered that the lad be given twelve strokes.

AN ELECTRICIAN'S LAPSE.

An electrician of the Kowloon Docks pleaded guilty to the theft of \$1.40 from 26, West Terrace, the residence of Mr. H. ("Kid") Marriott.

Mr. Marriott explained that the defendant came to repair the electric bell in the house, and after he had gone, the money which the servant had left on a table while Mrs. Marriott was busy had disappeared. Later, the defendant was searched and the money found in his pockets.

The defendant was stated to have been employed at the Docks for six years and to have borne a good character.

His Worship remarked that it was a very serious offence to steal when a man was trusted by people. Defendant pleaded that he gave way to sudden temptation. Taking into consideration defendant's good record of five and character, his Worship said he would pass sentence of one month's hard labour.

BANISHEE AND A JACKET.

Lau Po, against whom there was a charge of stealing a cotton jacket from the verandah of a house in Canton Road and a more serious charge of discharging a banishment order, had nothing to say in his defence.

His Worship disclosed that during his banishment term of ten years he had previously returned three times.

The sentence was six months' hard labour on the charge of theft. A term of one year's hard labour with 24 strokes of the birch was given on the second count, the prison sentences to run concurrently.

In another case in which a man was brought up for assault, Insp. Phillips said that it had since been found that the man was a banishee. The defendant, who was on bail, was remanded in police custody until to-day.

AN ILLEGAL CHICKEN SHOP.

A Chinese woman was fined \$15 by Mr. Whyte Smith for keeping an illegal chicken shop at 999, Canton Road without the limits of the Public Market. Sanitary Inspector Reid said that the complaints were made by the Market stallholders of unfair competition. Judging from the number of poultry, the woman apparently carried on a large business.

The woman used one half of the shop as a rice shop, but kept the chickens in the back yard.

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PANAMA CANAL TO BE WIDENED.

STEP TAKEN TO MEET INCREASING TRAFFIC.

Fifteen years after American engineers dug the big ditch through the Panama jungle, the Governor of the Canal Zone reports that preliminary work has already been undertaken looking toward the first step in expanding the size of the interoceanic canal.

A record of constantly increasing traffic through the waterway is carried forward to new high levels in the year and gives emphasis to the need for looking ahead to the time when it will be necessary to make the canal bigger. Army engineers are already surveying a proposed route through Nicaragua in case a second ocean-to-ocean canal becomes necessary for the increasing commercial fleets of the world. Substantial work, Governor Burges reports, has been taken in a year on preliminary operations necessary to the first move for expanding the capacity of the Panama Canal. This is the construction of the Madden Dam at Alhajuela for impounding additional water storage for lockages, and the maintenance of the summit level during dry seasons.

The past year set new records for the aggregate tonnage of vessels passing through, for tolls collected and tons of cargo carried. This bears out previous forecasts made by army engineers, that traffic through the Panama Canal will grow larger and larger so that the canal itself must be made wider and the facilities improved as the years pass and ultimately a new Atlantic-Pacific waterway seriously considered.

Record Tolls.

Tolls amounted in 1929 to \$27,123,859, a new high record for all time, yet not large enough to return the 4 per cent. on total investment which the Government gets as a minimum before reducing charges on vessels seeking passage through.

In the past year the once distant Panama Canal Zone has been brought within a few days journey of all parts of the United States by expanding air mail and air passenger routes with expectation of further extensions immediately, both to the north and to countries to the south. The canal zone is now a flourishing community of 20,300 people, or 2,300 more than a year ago, and apparently well satisfied with conditions.

Although the volume of traffic is expanding, the time has not yet come when it will be advisable to establish continuous operation throughout 24 hours a day, or even extensive night operation, the report explains. Fog makes night operation particularly difficult, it is explained.

However, the report adds: "The continued growth of traffic has emphasized the importance of providing for a greater future traffic."

"A" PERSISTENT CRIMINAL.

An opinion that Yeung Kee was a dangerous fellow to be at large was expressed "by Det. Sergeant Humphreys when he charged the man with entering 17, Haiphong Road, and stealing clothing.

The officer said that the defendant broke into the house when all the occupants were at work in the Kowloon Godowns. One of them happened to return to the house to see the door flung open and defendant ransacking the room.

Sergeant Humphreys added that the man had completed three terms of banishment and was a persistent criminal.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

STREET PRINTER CAUTIONED.

Apparently the business of printing cards for China New Year has already started, for when a man was charged with obstruction by settling down with his outfit in a busy thoroughfare, he pleaded ignorance of the regulations.

Defendant was discharged with a caution and advised to keep away from the main streets.

DEFECTIVE WATER PIPE—AND SUMMONS.

A Chinese landlord was summoned by the Sanitary Department for failing to comply with a notice to remove a defective earthenware water-pipe at 171, Cheung Sar Wan Road.

Defendant pleaded guilty but said that the pipe had since been repaired. He said that he did not receive the notice from the Sanitary Department.

Sanitary Inspector Frost confirmed this statement and said that owing to a mistake in the Treasury file the notice was sent to 125, Connaught Road Central, instead of to the defendant. The defendant actually received the notice two days after the date on which he was supposed to have appeared in Court.

The summons was withdrawn.

MR. MORRIS LOSES HIS ACTION.

"TERRIBLE CHARGES" AGAINST WITNESSES.

Judgment for the defendants, with costs, was entered in the King's Bench Division last month in the action brought by Mr. Hayley Morris, of Pippingford Park, Nutley, Sussex, against Messrs. Withers, Bensons, Currie, and Williams, a firm of solicitors, of Arundel Street, Strand.

Mr. Morris claimed damages for alleged negligence and breach of duty. He contended that the defendants, who acted for him in a divorce suit in 1921, were negligent in not securing a permanent agreement with the solicitors of Mrs. Daphne Morris, his first wife, in regard to maintenance of herself and the children of the marriage.

Messrs. Withers, Bensons, Currie, and Williams denied negligence or that they were liable.

The last was the fifteenth day of the hearing.

Mr. Justice Horridge, in his summing-up, said that the case had been a very sore trial to the jury, and he thought that they would agree that it was a case which required the exercise of the greatest care in investigating it. No such agreement had been made binding and enforceable. The defendants contended that they had come to an understanding as between two solicitors which they were trying to get their clients to carry out.

The importance of that was that the jury would find letters in which an understanding was mentioned, and they must bear in mind that there was as between the two solicitors an understanding which could very well have been referred to between them.

There was, also no doubt, said the Judge, that Mr. Morris was paying alimony, and therefore they had got to read the correspondence and evidence in the light of the facts although the defendants said that there was no binding agreement there still was between the two solicitors an understanding that they should try and work upon the working arrangement, like the agreed order of November, 1921.

"Window-Dressing."

The Judge said that Mr. Comyns Carr had said that he had to make very serious charges, but the jury might think that if Mr. Morris's case involved these sort of things it was less likely to be true than if it did not involve these charges. Mr. Morris did not hesitate to say that Mr. Covell would go into the box and commit perjury, and that "all of them would do their dirty work." It might cause the jury to hesitate to believe Mr. Morris's story that everybody connected with it should have to behave in a disreputable manner.

If Mr. Morris is not right in the case he is a very consummate liar," observed Mr. Justice Horridge, who added that a consummate liar very often put likely incidents into his evidence so that it very likely appeared to be true.

Referring to the allegations that Mr. Morris was "excitable and incoherent," the Judge said that it might be that that was a matter which the jury would have to consider in relation to the statement of Covell that that was the reason he did not answer letters as he would have done to other men.

Dealing with Mr. Morris's interviews with Sir John Withers, the Judge said that if the jury took the view that Mr. Morris put certain words in an interview for the purpose of window-dressing they might apply that test to subsequent events.

He asked why the nurse should, in the circumstances, have anything to do with any question of an irrevocable agreement. The jury might think that it was Mr. Morris's duty to tell his solicitor the actual facts concerning the nurse's existence at the time. "There is no doubt that Mr. Morris was harping upon an agreement, and a permanent agreement," remarked the Judge.

Mr. Morris's History.

It was suggested by the plaintiff that Mr. Covell wrote to Mr. Morris something which he never intended to be accepted, and merely intended to be produced in the event of this action, which nobody knew anything about at that time. It was suggested that Mr. Covell would produce these letters as real letters, when, in fact, they were merely camouflage, knowing all the time that they (the defendants) had made an illegal and improper bargain in regard to divorce proceedings, and this was only to save their face.

Mr. Justice Horridge asked if the jury thought that Mr. Hayley Morris would have gone back to his wife. He had, he said, the nurse to console him from April until November 3, 1921, and he had another woman to console him for some months before December 14, 1921. Afterwards, when Mr. Morris lived at Pippingford, he committed offences for which he was subsequently sentenced. Those of fences were that he had conspired with another woman whom he actually married to commit offences against children under sixteen years. "You have got to be at years."

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NEW CODE OF ROAD MANNERS.

FOR MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

The Ministry of Transport in London is busy preparing a very remarkable document. This is the new "Highway Code," which will be issued shortly. It is, in effect, a book of etiquette for drivers of all types of vehicles and for walkers.

The remarkable part about it, however, is that there are no penalties for those who offend against its excellent maxims. For a Government department to issue rules without punishments is a very unusual procedure.

Walkers will be told that they should not cross the roads at any but authorised crossing places—that is, when these are available.

They will be advised to walk along country roads in a direction facing the stream of approaching traffic. They will also be told that all good walkers keep to the foot-path and do not roam about the streets.

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Why then is this elaborate code of road manners being prepared? Obviously there must be some reason for this charter of etiquette. An official acquainted with the situation said yesterday:

"The Government are doing more than asking motorists and walkers to behave as little gentlemen."

"In civil cases and cases of manslaughter the code will play a highly important part. The careless walker will not be able to claim damages against the careful driver and the careful driver will have a strong case if he shows that the driver was breaking the code."

all the circumstances and ask yourselves, do you believe or not that this man would have gone back to his wife?"

Mr. Justice Horridge went on: "Although it is quite true that a man may commit crimes of a sexual character which are so horrible that they shock even people who might be difficult to shock, it might still be that he was speaking the truth in the witness-box."

The Judge said that Mr. Morris's crimes were of an appalling character, and were so designated by the Lord Chief Justice when Mr. Morris appealed. The Lord Chief Justice then said: "If the sentence of the applicant were to be reviewed in respect of an increase. A more appalling case of this kind is not within the recollection of this Court." Mr. Justice Horridge said that in addition to what was then known they now knew of Mr. Morris's association with two women at the Marble Arch flat, and the two women lived in the flat at the same time.

Questions for the Jury.

"Mr. Morris," he went on, "may certainly speak the truth, notwithstanding these matters, but the jury are entitled to take that history into account when they are weighing in their minds whether or not they can accept his evidence, containing as it does charges of a most terrible character against the evidence of men whose lives, so far as we know, have up to now been respectable and creditable."

Mr. Justice Horridge left the following questions to the jury:

1.—Did the defendants on or about December 14, 1921, represent to the plaintiff that they had made an agreement with Mrs. Daphne Morris's solicitors and that the solicitors had agreed that in the event of her succeeding in her petition for divorce she would abide by and never seek to vary the agreement?

2.—Did the defendants on or about December 14, 1921, negligently advise the plaintiff that there was a binding and permanent agreement?

3.—Was the plaintiff by such negligent advice caused to disobey a restitution order and furnish evidence of adultery?

4.—Did the defendants negligently omit to bring to the notice of the Court any, and if so, what, permanent agreement which had been actually made?

The jury returned to court after an absence of nearly two hours, and the foreman announced that their answer to each of the four questions was "No." Mr. Justice Horridge entered judgment accordingly for the defendants with costs.

The Judge added that he was exceedingly sorry the jury had been troubled with this long and tiresome case. In addition to additional remuneration, they would be relieved from attendance for seven years.

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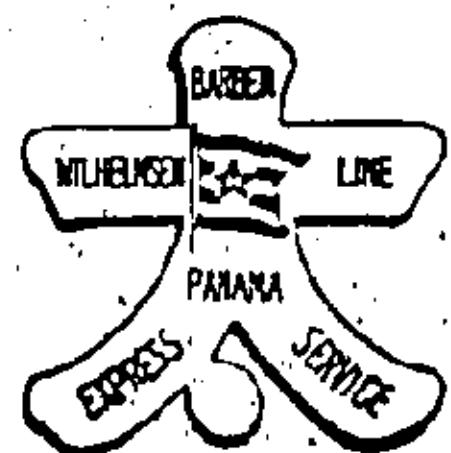
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MARSEILLES.

Oldenburg, Jelsen, Jan. 16.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Augsburg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Antenor, B.F., Jan. 22.
Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 23.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 28.
Ermland, Jelsen, Jan. 29.
Aller, Melchers, Jan. 31.
Mantua, P. & O., Feb. 1.
Achilles, B.F., Feb. 4.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 8.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Feb. 9.
Delagoa Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 10.
General Metzinger, M.M., Feb. 11.

NAPLES.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 8.
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NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, Jan. 20.
City of Kobe, Bank, Jan. 23.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Cingalese Prince, Furness, Jan. 29.
Springbank, Bank, Jan. 29.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Feb. 9.
Imperial Prince, Furness, Feb. 13.

NORTH CHINA.

Coblentz, Melchers, Jan. 18/19.
Franken, Melchers, Jan. 25.
Asia, Manners, Feb. 8.

OSLO.

Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.

PANAMA.

Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, Jan. 20.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Atago Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 1.

PENANG.

Cremar, J.C.J.L., Jan. 18.
Suisang, Jardine's, Jan. 17.
Khiva, P. & O., Jan. 18.
Augsburg, Melchers, Jan. 20.
Takada, B.L., Jan. 21.
Mirzapore, P. & O., Jan. 22.
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 23.
Nagato Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 23.
Jeypore, P. & O., Jan. 23.
Pres. Adams, Dollar, Jan. 26.
Ceylon Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.
Aller, Melchers, Jan. 31.
Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 31.
Mantua, P. & O., Feb. 1.
Taima, B.L., Feb. 2.
Achilles, B.F., Feb. 4.
Coblentz, Melchers, Feb. 8.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 8.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, Feb. 9.
Shirah, B.L., Feb. 10.

PORTLAND.

Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Jan. 18.
Illinois, S.S.S., Feb. 1.
Patagonier, Bank, Feb. 12.

RANGOON.

Ceylon Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 29.

SAIGON.

Ningpo, B. & S., Jan. 16.
Taming, B. & S., Jan. 17.
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 28.
General Metzinger, M.M., Feb. 11.

SANDAKAN.

Mausang, Jardine's, Jan. 23.
Nellere, E. & A., Jan. 31.
Hinsang, Jardine's, Feb. 6.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, Jan. 20.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 27.
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Jan. 25.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., Jan. 28.
Illinois, S.S.S., Feb. 1.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., Feb. 11.

SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

Panama, Manners, Jan. 22.

SEATTLE.

Pres. Taft, Dollar, Jan. 21.
Ixion, B.F., Jan. 23.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 28.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Feb. 4.
Patagonier, Bank, Feb. 12.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., Feb. 12.

SHANGHAI.

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SAIGON	"NINGPO"	On 16th Jan.	Daylight
SAIGON	"TAMING"	On 17th Jan.	Daylight
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 19th Jan.	Daylight
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 19th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY, SWATOW & S'PORT	"ANHUI"	On 20th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 21st Jan.	Daylight
AMOI, S'HAL, CHEFOO & DALNY	"CHENAN"	On 22nd Jan.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENGTO"	On 23rd Jan.	Daylight
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHUSAN"	On 23rd Jan.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHUEN"	On 26th Jan.	Daylight
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 26th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 28th Jan.	Daylight
AMOI, SWATOW & S'PORT	"ANKING"	On 1st Feb.	5 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 10th Feb.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHENGTO"	On 13th Feb.	10 a.m.

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G. METZINGER	11th Feb.	PORTHOUS	18th Feb.
ANDRE LEBON	25th Feb.	CHENONCEAUX	25th Feb.
PORTHOUS	11th Mar.	ATOS II	18th Mar.
CHENONCEAUX	25th Mar.	D'ARTAGNAN	25th Mar.
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ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 14, 1930.												JANUARY 15, 1930.											
STATION	HOURS FROM HONG KONG	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WIND FORCE (Knots)	WIND DIRECTION	HOURS FROM HONG KONG	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND		WIND FORCE (Knots)	WIND DIRECTION					
		Inches	Millis.			Direction	Force (Knots)				Inches	Millis.			Direction	Force (Knots)							
Wladivostok...	12	30.07	763.8	27	...	ENE	2	f	...	6	30.20	767.1	7	...	NNE	2	c	...					
Nemuro	11	30.02	762.3	...	...	...	0	...	...	5	29.76	756.0	...	...	NNW	2	c	...					
Hokodate	"	30.06	763.5	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	29.96	761.0	...	...	W	3	...	...					
Tokio	"	30.14	765.5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	29.94	760.5	...	...	N	1	...	...					
Kochi	"	30.12	765.0	...	...	WSW	1	...	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	SW	1	...	...					
Nagasaki	"	30.16	766.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	30.12	765.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...					
Kagoshima	"	30.08	764.0	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	...	...	0	...	...					
Osaka	"	30.04	763.0	...	...	SSE	1	...	...	...	30.02	762.5	...	...	NNE	1	...	...					
Naha	"	30.06	763.5	...	...	SSW	1	...	...	...	30.04	763.0	...	...	E	1	...	...					
Ishigakijima	"	30.10	764.5	...	...	NNW	1	...	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	NNE	1	...	...					
Bonin Island	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Chefoo	15	30.30	769.6	80	88	NW	4	b	...	6	30.15	765.8	84	100	...	...	...	...					
Shanghai	14	30.38	771.6	87	67	NW	4	b	...	...	30.32	767.7	25	98	NW	1	...	...					
Gutzlaff	"	30.40	772.6	98	70	NNW	4	b	...	7	30.25	768.3	32	90	N	2	...	...					
Sharp Peak	"	30.11	764.8	50	79	ENE	4	e	...	...	30.05	763.2	44	76	N	1	...	...					
Amoy	"	30.10	764.5	63	72	E	2	b	...	6	30.13	765.3	50	69	ENE	4	b	...					
Swatow	"	30.04	763.0	65	73	ESE	1	b	...	...	30.13	765.3	52	100	N	2	...	...					
Taiheku	11	30.18	766.5	64	82	...	0	...	...	5	30.02	762.6	55	88	ENE	4	b	...					
Taihu	"	30.13	765.5	66	...	N	2	b	...	...	30.05	763.2	54	...	N	4	...	...					
Tainan	"	30.10	764.4	70	...	N	4	b	...	...	30.01	762.3	52	...	NNE	4	...	...					
Koshun	"	30.05	763.2	79	...	NNE	2	b	...	...	30.08	761.4	64	...	NNE	4	...	...					
Pescadores	"	30.13	765.3	63	...	N	4	b	...	...	30.04	762.3	59	75	ENE	3	...	...					
Hong Kong	14	30.09	764.3	62	58	W	2	b	...	6	30.01	762.2	59	75	ENE	4	...	...					
Gap Rock	"	30.10	764.5	...	...	NNW	3	c	...	...	30.01	762.2	...	...	ENE	4	...	...					
Macao	"	30.07	763.8	59	63	NNW	4	...	...	...	29.99	761.7	50	90	NNW	2	...	...					
Heihow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Pratas Island...	"	30.04	763.0	70	71	NNE	3	...	...	...	29.98	761.6	58	84	NNE	3	...	...					
Phulien	16	30.14	765.6	57	67	WSW	1	of	...	7	30.01	762.2	53	...	ENE	4	...	...					
Tourane	"	30.05	763.2	66	...	NNW	4	...	...	...	30.00	762.0	64	...	NW	2	...	...					
Cape St. James	"	29.89	759.3	81	...	NW	4	b	...	...	29.92	759.9	75	...	ENE	4	...	...					
Basco	14	29.92	759.9	79	...	NE	4	...	...	6	29.92	759.9	72	78	NE	2	...	...					
Aparri	"	29.89	759.3	79	76	NW	2	...	...	...	29.92	759.9	73	82	...	0	...	...					
Tuguegarao	"	29.87	758.7	86	65	NW	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...					
Vigan	"	29.86	758.4	82	67	NNW	4	b	...	...	29.85	758.1	70	85	NNW	1	...	...					
Manila	"	29.86	758.4	82	63	SSE	2	...	...	...	29.88	759.0	68	94	E	1	...	...					
Legaspi	"	29.85	758.1	90	69	NE	2	b	...	...	29.86	758.4	70	98	N	1	...	...					
Calbayog	"	29.85	758.1	84	64	N	4	...	...	...	29.88	759.0	68	96	N	1	...	...					
Tacloban	"	29.85	758.1	84	74	NW	4	b	...	...	29.88	759.0	73	92	NW	2	...	...					
Doilo	"	29.84	757.8	86	61	ENE	6	b	...	...	29.87	758.7	72	88	NE	2	...	...					
Cebu	"	29.82	757.5	86	58	NE	4	b	...	...	29.85	758.1	75	83	...	0	...	...					
Surigao	"	29.85	758.1	77	89	N	4	...	...	...	29.86	758.1	72	96	...	0	...	...					
Swupan	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	29.87	758.7	76	...	ESE	6	...	...					
Guam	12.22	29.84	757.8	...	...	ESE	4	...	4.22	...	29.85	758.1	...	...	SE	2	...	...					
Yap	11.00	29.84	757.8	...	...	ESE	4	...	5	...	29.84	757.8	...	...	ENE	4	...	...					
Polew	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	767.9	77	...	...	...	...	...					
Ponape	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.89	759.2	76	...	ESE	4	...	...					
Labuan	14	29.82	757.4	86	68	NE	6	b	...	6	29.84	767.9	78	91	NE	8	...	...					

January 15, 10A. 45m.—The anticyclone has weakened and is now central over the Yellow Sea.

Moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 0.52 inch, against an average of 0.41 inch.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON JANUARY 16.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

E. winds, moderate; overcast, some rain and fog.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 15.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	30.06	30.6	29.92
Temperature	61	53	59
Humidity ...	60	80	78
Wind—			
Direction	W	E	E
Force ...	2	4	4
Weather ...	B	O	O
Rain ...	0.00	0.00	0.0



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KAGA MARU Wednesday, 19th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

NAGATO MARU Thursday, 23rd Jan.

BENGAL MARU Friday, 31st Jan.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 10,700 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
17,300 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

British	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
Kalgan, Bangkok, Swatow	653	—
Antung, Singapore	310	180
Hansang, Tsingtao, Swatow	563	558
Hydrang, Swatow	301	—
Linn, Canton	—	364
Helikon, Saigon	2,400	—
Luchow, Canton	—	300
American Invincible, Manila	—	4,457
French Angers, Yokohama, Shanghai	4	150
Dutch Cremer, Amoy, Swatow	24	1,712
Norwegian Promise, Haiphong	600	1,100
Hiram, Bangkok, Swatow	1,100	—
Swedish Ceylon, Dalny, Shanghai	—	1,700
Japanese Del Mar, Canton	—	73
Canton Maru, Keelung, Swatow	729	—
Fukujo Maru, Keelung	2,000	—
Chinese Tak Hing, Maeno	40	—
Wong Shek Kung	1,800	—
Total	10,784	17,344

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
American	8	7
French	1	2
Dutch	1	4
Norwegian	3	0
Swedish	0	1
Japanese	3	5
Chinese	2	2
German	0	2
Total	19	24

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

Khiva left Shanghai on the 14th instant and is due here on the 17th instant at about 6 a.m.

The s.s. Takada will leave Amoy for Hong Kong on the 18th inst.

and is due here on the 19th inst.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

\$3 FINE FOR LYING INSHORE.

Two masters and one mistress of cargo boats were before Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday for lying inshore during prohibited hours.

On pleading guilty they were each fined \$3 with the alternative of five days.

A New Arrival.

The s.s. Invincible which arrived here on the 14th inst. from Iloilo, made her first visit to this port.

She is a steel screw steamer of 7,592 gross tons, and 4,829 nett and was built by Bethlehem S.B. Co., Ltd.

The owners are the U.S. Shipping Board and Capt. F. Ultstad is in command. Her dimensions are: Length 440 ft., Breadth 36 ft. and Depth 35.2 ft. Her engines which develop 637 N.H.P. were installed by the General Electric Co.

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Antung (Br.) Singapore	116
Hansang (Br.) Tsingtao, Swatow	11
Hydrang (Br.) Swatow	130
Helikon (Br.) Saigon	160
Angers (Ger.) Yokohama, Shanghai	22
Cremer (Dutch) Amoy, Swatow	742
Hiram (Norwegian) Bangkok, Swatow	11
Canton Maru (Jap.) Keelung, Swatow	148
Wong Shek Kung (Chinese) Saigon	6
Total	1,386

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves:—Kowloon: Emp. of Canada, Rangoon Maru; A.P.C.—North Point: Turbo; O.S.K.: Deli Maru, Canton Maru.

Docks:—Kowloon: Hop Sang, Mao Lee, Lungshan, Cua Cum, Hai Ching, Leach Tray, Venezia; Tai-koo: Chengto, Kingyuan, Ixion, Cheng Chow Ferry, Bokoyu Maru; Cosmopolitan: Ribiero, Hermed.

Buoys:—General Metzinger, A2 Cremer, A3 Calulu, A4 Korea Maru, A5 Oldenburg, A6 Iyo Maru, B1 Sui Sang, A8 Ceylon, B9 Linn, B11 Kalgan, B13 Luchow, C15 Prominent, B24 Saarbrücken, A25 Durban Maru, A26 Invincible, A28 City of Kobe, C33 Chipshing, B34 Kwei-jang, C35 Borneo, B36 Chinhuu, C37 Kueichow, B38 Helikon, C39 Wong Shek Kung, C40 Promise, C41 Song Bo, C42 Hiram, C43 G.G. Paul Doumer, C49 Fukujo Maru, B50 Zurichmoor, B51 Sunland, A52 Diomed.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:—

Basin:—Tamar, Marazion, Iroquois, Herald.

West Wall:—Kent.

In Dock:—Scraph, Petersfield, Sterling.

No. 7 Buoy:—Cornflower.

Foreign Men of War:—U.S. gunboat Helena; French gunboats Argus and Vigilante.

ARRIVALS:

January 14.
Invincible, American str., 4,829 tons, Capt. F. Ultstad, from Iloilo, P.I., buoy No. A26.—L. Everett Inc.

Rangoon Maru, Japanese str., 3,637 tons, Capt. H. Itani, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

January 15.
Canton, French str., 978 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. B36.—M.M.

Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,647 tons, Capt. Y. Iwasaki, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Chang Kiang, French str., 1,717 tons, Capt. L. J. Cruchot, from Canton, buoy No. B48.—Sing Kee & Co.

Cremer, Dutch str., 2,784 tons, Capt. G. J. Harmsen, from Swatow, buoy No. A2.—J.C.L.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. K. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

General Metzinger, French str., 5,534 tons, Capt. Brun, from Saigon, buoy No. A1.—M.M.

Hang Sang, British str., 1,350 tons, Capt. L. H. Hutchings, from Tsingtao and Swatow. West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Helikon, British str., 1,214 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, buoy No. B38.—Wo Fat Sing.

Hiram, Norwegian str., 1,109 tons, Capt. S. Elinasen, from Swatow, buoy No. C42.—Thorsen & Co.

Hydrang, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Iyo Maru, Japanese str., 3,667 tons, Capt. M. Shigyo, from Keelung, buoy No. A5.—N.Y.K.

Linn, British str., 1,358 tons, Capt. W. J. Andrews, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. W. Layton, from Canton, buoy No. B13.—B. & S.

Lyceum, British str., 1,134 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Hoihow, buoy No. A27.—Lee Fat & Co.

Newchwang, British str., 1,450 tons, Capt. P. Green, from Swatow, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Promise, Norwegian str., 726 tons, Capt. S. Holsted, from Haiphong, buoy No. C40.—Sang Lee & Co.

Royal Prince, British str., 3,075 tons, Capt. W. Der Hall, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—Prince Line.

CLEARANCES.

January 15.
Calulu, for Manila.

Chang Kiang, for Haiphong.

General Metzinger, for Shanghai.

Linn, for Swatow.

Luchow, for Amoy.

Newchwang, for Canton.

Ningpo, for Saigon.

Oldenburg, for Manila.

Cremer, for Singapore.

Paul Doumer, for Swatow.

Rangoon Maru, for Singapore.

Song Bo, for Haiphong.

Zurichmoor, for Bassien.

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"JETFORE"	9,318	25th Jan. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,125	15th Feb.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'erp.
"KIDDERPORE"	9,334	19th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	Marseilles & London.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	8th Mar. (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'erp.
"ALIPORE"	9,273	19th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars., L'don, R'im. & A'erp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th May	Bombay, Mars. & London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May (Mars.)	L'don, Hull, R'im. & A'werp.
"KEIVA"	9,135	7th June	Marseilles & London.
"RANPURA"	16,801	21st June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,125	5th July	Marseilles & London.
"MOREA"	10,954	19th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	2nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.

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"TANDA"	6,856	28th Feb.	Iland, Townsville, Brisbane,
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Sydney and Melbourne

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Steamship	Tons	Sailings	Destination
"KARMALA"	9,125	17th Jan., 6 p.m.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
"SHIRALA"	7,841	18th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKLIWA"	7,836	30th Jan.	Amoy, Kobe & Osaka.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,936	4th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"ALIPORE"	9,273	9th Feb.	Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,006	10th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	29th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	11th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,980	14th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	26th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	11th Apr.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th Apr.	do.
"KHIVA"	9,135	9th May	do.
"RANPURA"	16,801	23rd May	do.
"KARMALA"	9,125	6th June	do.
"MOREA"	10,954	20th June	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	1st Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	15th Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	29th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Sept.	do.
"KHIVA"	9,135	26th Sept.	do.
"MOREA"	10,954	10th Oct.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	24th Oct.	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,819	7th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	23rd Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"BANCHI"	16,650	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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